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# MEDIA GUIDE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022







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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**753**

ALL-TIME WINS

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HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS

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# GATORS<sup>®</sup>

## FOOTBALL

**3 National Championships // 8 SEC Championships // 753 All-Time Wins // 3 Heisman Trophy Winners**  
**56 First-Round NFL Draft Picks // 72 First-Team All-Americans // 258 First-Team All-SEC Selections**

### 2022 SCHEDULE

SEPT. 3	NO. 7 UTAH	W, 29-26
SEPT. 10	NO. 20 KENTUCKY	L, 16-26
SEPT. 17	SOUTH FLORIDA	W, 31-28
Sept. 24	at No. 11 Tennessee	L, 33-38
OCT. 2	EASTERN WASHINGTON	W, 52-17
OCT. 8	MISSOURI (Homecoming)	W, 24-17
OCT. 15	LSU	L, 35-45
Oct. 22	Bye	
Oct. 29	vs. No. 1 Georgia (Jacksonville)	L, 42-20
Nov. 5	at Texas A&M	W, 41-24
NOV. 12	SOUTH CAROLINA	W, 38-6
Nov. 19	at Vanderbilt	L, 24-31
Nov. 25	at No. 16 Florida State	L, 38-45

Overall: 6-6 // Home: 5-2 // Away: 1-3 // Neutral: 0-1

### TEAM INFORMATION

#### FLORIDA

Head Coach:	Billy Napier
Career Record:	46-18 (27-5 Sun Belt) [5th season]
Record at UF:	6-6 (3-5 SEC) [1st season]
Bowl Record:	2-1
Rankings:	NR (AP) / NR (Coaches)
2022 Record:	6-6, 3-5 SEC (T-4th East)

#### OREGON STATE

Head Coach:	Jonathan Smith
Career Record:	25-31 (18-25 PAC-12) [5th season]
Record at OSU:	same
Bowl Record:	0-1
Rankings:	17 (AP) / 16 (Coaches)
2022 Record:	9-3, 6-3 PAC-12 (T-5th)

### SERIES HISTORY

Overall:	Tied, 0-0
Last Meeting:	N/A
Recent History:	N/A
UF vs. PAC-12:	8-4-1 (.625)
Last Meeting:	Florida 29, No. 7 Utah 26 (September 3, 2022)
Recent History:	Florida, W1 vs. Pac-12

### NUMBERS OF NOTE

## 213.7 / 5.8 / 600

Florida's 213.7 rushing yards/game (16th in FBS) is in line to rank 10th all-time in program history while Florida's 5.8 yards/carry (third in FBS) would rank third, behind the 2008 and 1976 seasons (5.9 YPC). Meanwhile, the RB duo of **Montrell Johnson Jr.** and **Trevor Etienne** represents one of eight RB duos in the FBS to have rushed for over 700 yards apiece this season, including one of four duos to do so while each rushing for over 5.5 yards/carry. They are one of five UF RB duos to rush for 700 yards apiece.



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**Florida Gators (6-6, 3-5 SEC)**

vs.

**#14 Oregon State Beavers (9-3, 6-3 PAC-12)**

December 17 // 2:30 p.m. // Las Vegas, Nev.  
 Allegiant Stadium (65,000)

ESPN	Gator Sports Network from LEARFIELD	Bowl Season Radio
Play-by-Play: Dave Pasch Analyst: Kirk Herbstreit Analyst: Pat McAfee Reporter: Laura Rutledge Channel (Cox): 7 / 1007 [HD] Channel (DirecTV): 8 [HD]	Play-by-Play: Sean Kelley Analyst: Shane Matthews Reporter: Tate Casey Station Freq.: Local Affiliates Sirius Channel: TBD	Play-by-Play: Brian Roth Analyst: Elvis Gallegos Reporter: Tim Murray Sirius Channel: TBD

### THE STORYLINE

- The 2022 SRS Distribution Las Vegas Bowl marks the first meeting between Florida and Oregon State on the gridiron.
- Florida is playing its first-ever football game in Nevada across the program's 115-year history.
- The 2022 campaign represents the first time that Florida has faced two Pac-12 teams in the same season.
- Florida has an all-time record of 24-23 across 47 all-time bowl games dating back through 1953.
- The Gators are 8-4 in bowl games since 2009 and 10-5 dating back to 2006.
- This is Florida's fifth-straight bowl appearance and eighth in the last-nine seasons.
- Oregon State will be UF's seventh opponent this season ranked in the CFP Final Top 25 - tied for the most in the FBS.
- UF HC Billy Napier** is 2-1 all-time in bowl games: 2018 Cure Bowl (L) - Tulane 41, Louisiana 24 | 2019-20 LendingTree Bowl (W) - Louisiana 27, Miami (OH) 17 | 2020 First Responder Bowl (W) - Louisiana 31, UTSA 24
- This is the first meeting between Coach Napier and OSU HC Jonathan Smith as head coaches.
- RB Trevor Etienne** leads all true freshman FBS running backs with at least 100 carries in yards per carry (6.4) and is one of eight true freshman RBs in the FBS with over 700 rushing yards.
- The trio of **RB Montrell Johnson Jr.** (827), Etienne (705) and QB Anthony Richardson (654) became the third trio in UF history to eclipse 600 rush yards apiece in Week 12.
- The Gators' 5.8 yards per carry ranks third in the FBS (behind UCLA and UAB).
- Florida's 213.7 rushing yards/game ranks 16th in the FBS, 10th in the Power Five and third in the SEC.
- The Gators boast three of the top-12 rushers in the SEC in yards per carry: Etienne (sixth - 6.4), Richardson (seventh - 6.3) and Johnson Jr. (12th - 5.7). No other SEC team has three players in the top-17 (min. five attempts per game).
- Florida is one of two FBS teams (alongside Oregon) with three qualified players averaging over 5.5 yards per carry.
- G O'Cyrrus Torrence** is the top-rated guard in the nation at 88.6, according to Pro Football Focus (has never allowed a sack).
- Florida boasts four come-from-behind wins this season (vs. No. 7 Utah, vs. USF, vs. EWU, at Texas A&M).
- Florida has scored in 435-consecutive games dating back to 1988 -- an NCAA record and 56 games longer than any other college football team in the history of the sport.

### FEATS TO WATCH FOR IN LAS VEGAS

- Florida's 29 rushing TDs are the program's fifth-most all-time in a season (2008 - 42, 2007 - 39, 2010 - 31, 2009 - 30).
- UF's 213.7 rushing yards/game ranks 10th in team history. UF needs 150 yards to maintain 10th and 238 to move into ninth.
- Etienne needs 95 rush yards for Etienne and Johnson Jr. to become the first UF RB duo to eclipse 800 yards apiece.
- Johnson Jr. needs one rushing TD to move into a tie for 11th all-time in a single season at Florida (11) and two to move into a tie for ninth (12).
- DB Trey Dean III** is one pass breakup away from tying Janoris Jenkins (2008-10) and Guss Scott (2000-03) for 10th all-time in a career at UF with 25.
- K Adam Mihalek** would become the first UF kicker to hit four 50-yarders in a season with another successful attempt.



## BOWL WEEK SCHEDULE

### 11 Sunday

No Media Availability

### 12 Monday

No Media Availability

### 13 Tuesday

4:30-5 p.m.

Coaches/Players Media Opportunity

### 14 Wednesday

No Media Availability

### 15 Thursday

TBD

### 16 Friday

11-11:30 a.m.

Kickoff Media Conference

### 17 Saturday

Post-Game

Billy Napier Press Conference, Student-Athlete Interviews

## COACH NAPIER INTERVIEWS

Please coordinate all requests for telephone and personal interviews with Coach Napier through Rick Hurtado in the Communications Office. Coach Napier is available Monday (weekly press conference at 11:40 a.m. ET) and Wednesday on the SEC Teleconference at 11:20 a.m. ET, as well as post-practice. Contact the SEC Office at (205)-458-3010 for phone number and passcode. Coach Napier also hosts the Gator Talk show 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/6, 10/10, 10/26, 11/7, 11/14 and 11/22 from 6-7 p.m. ET.

## STUDENT-ATHLETE / ASSISTANT COACH INTERVIEWS

Please coordinate all student-athlete interviews through Matthew Hutchison and all assistant coach interviews via Rick Hurtado in the Communications Office. Select student-athletes will be available Monday at the weekly press conference and again each Wednesday. Freshmen are not available for interviews. All student-athlete interviews will conclude Wednesday during game weeks. Assistant coaches are available upon request.

Telephone interviews should be booked at least one day in advance and are typically limited to the times reserved for general interview sessions. The Communications Office will not give out phone numbers for any student-athletes, and student-athletes may not be contacted directly by phone, text, e-mail, or social media. Members of the media are not permitted in team areas. Team locker room, training room and strength complex are considered private areas. These areas, as well as student-athletes' housing (campus and off-campus) are off limits to media representatives.

## WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

Florida's weekly press conference will be each Monday during the season. Coach Napier is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. with select student-athletes to follow at approximately 12 p.m. Video of the press conference will be posted on FloridaGators.com, and it will be available to download via XOS.

## 2022 FLORIDA FOOTBALL MEDIA PORTAL

The Florida Athletics Department utilizes [FloridaGators.com/Football-Media](http://FloridaGators.com/Football-Media) to post press conferences and interviews from coaches, selected student-athletes, and assistant coaches on game weeks. Florida's game notes for the entire season, along with additional resources such as the media guide, roster cards, feature clips, pronunciation guide and more, will be available on the team's media site. For more information, contact Creative Video's Dennis Black ([DennisB@gators.ufl.edu](mailto:DennisB@gators.ufl.edu)).

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For credential requests, please utilize: <http://www.SportsSystems.com/Florida>.

To be added to the Gators Football e-mail list, please e-mail Rick Hurtado ([RickH@gators.ufl.edu](mailto:RickH@gators.ufl.edu)). To be added to the SEC Football e-mail list, please e-mail Chuck Dunlap ([cdunlap@sec.org](mailto:cdunlap@sec.org)) of the SEC Media Relations Office.

For the most up to date media schedules and game week information, please utilize [CollegePressBox.com](http://CollegePressBox.com) -- which has rosters, depth charts, season stats, game notes, media guides, credential information, flip cards, box scores, and more. You can also visit [www.FloridaGators.com/football-media](http://www.FloridaGators.com/football-media) to access more Florida media resources.

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## 2022 Gators Sports Network

Market	Station	Frequency
Belle Glade	WAFC-FM	92.5
Clearwater	WDCF-AM	1350
Clewiston	WAFC-FM	100.5
Cocoa	WFLF-AM	540
Daytona	WFLF-AM	540
Ft. Myers	WBCH-AM	770 AM & 104.3 FM
Ft. Myers/Naples/Marco Island	WWCN-FM	99.3
Ft. Pierce/PSL/Stuart	WSTU-AM	1450
Ft. Walton Beach	WTKE-FM	100.3
Gainesville	WRUF-FM	103.7
Gainesville	WRUF-FM	850 AM & 98.1 FM
Griffin, GA	WKEU-FM	88.9
Griffin, GA	WKEU-AM	1450
Jacksonville	WFXJ-FM	97.3
Jacksonville	WFXJ-AM	930
Key West	WKWF-AM	1600
LaBelle	WAFC-FM	105.1
Lake City	WRUF-FM	103.7
Lake City	WRUF-FM	850 AM & 98.1 FM
Lakeland	WONN-AM	1230
Melbourne/Sebastian	WFLF-AM	540
Miami	WINZ-AM	940
Miami	WIOD-AM	610
Okeechobee	WOKC-FM	100.9
Okeechobee	WOKC-FM	1570
Orlando	WFLF-FM	93.1
Orlando	WFLF-AM	540
Palatka	WYYD-AM	1260
Panama City	WTKP-FM	95.3
Port Saint Joe	WTKP-FM	93.5
Pensacola	WTKE-FM	97.1
Pensacola	WTKE-AM	1490
Sarasota	WWMI-AM	1380
Sebring	WWTK-AM	730
St. Augustine	WAOC-FM	96.5
St. Augustine	WAOC-AM	1420
Tallahassee	WVFT-FM	93.3
Tampa	WGUL-AM	860
Vienna, Ga.	WKTF-AM	1550
Wauchula	WAUC-FM	95.3
Wauchula	WAUC-AM	1310
West Palm Beach	WRLX-FM	94.3





# FLORIDA GATORS BOWL HISTORY

## All-Time Bowl Results

Bowl	Site	Date	Opponent	Ranks	Result	Score
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 1, 1953	Tulsa	15 / 12	W	14-13
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 27, 1958	Ole Miss	14 / 11	L	3-7
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 31, 1960	Baylor	- / 12	W	13-12
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 30, 1962	Penn State	- / 9	W	17-7
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 1966	Missouri	- / 6	L	18-20
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 1, 1967	Georgia Tech	- / 8	W	27-12
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 27, 1969	Tennessee	15 / 11	W	14-13
Tangerine Bowl	Gainesville	Dec. 22, 1973	Miami (Ohio)	- / 15	L	7-16
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Dec. 31, 1974	Nebraska	18 / 8	L	10-13
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 29, 1975	Maryland	13 / 17	L	0-13
Sun Bowl	El Paso, Texas	Jan. 2, 1977	Texas A&M	- / 10	L	14-37
Tangerine Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Dec. 20, 1980	Maryland		W	35-20
Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 31, 1981	West Virginia		L	6-26
Bluebonnet Bowl	Houston, Texas	Dec. 31, 1982	Arkansas	- / 14	L	24-28
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 30, 1983	Iowa	11 / 10	W	14-6
Aloha Bowl	Honolulu, Hawaii	Dec. 25, 1987	UCLA	- / 10	L	16-20
All-American Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Dec. 29, 1988	Illinois		W	14-10
Freedom Bowl	Anaheim, Calif.	Dec. 30, 1989	Washington		L	7-34
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 1992	Notre Dame	3 / 18	L	28-39
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Dec. 31, 1992	N.C. State	14 / 12	W	27-10
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 1994	West Virginia	8 / 3	W	41-7
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 1995	Florida State	5 / 7	L	17-23
Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 2, 1996	Nebraska	2 / 1	L	24-62
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 1997	Florida State	3 / 1	W	52-20
Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 1998	Penn State	6 / 11	W	21-6
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 2, 1999	Syracuse	7 / 18	W	31-10
Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2000	Michigan State	10 / 9	L	34-37
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 2001	Miami (Fla.)	7 / 2	L	20-37
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2002	Maryland	5 / 6	W	56-23
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2003	Michigan	15 / 12	L	30-38
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2004	Iowa	17 / 13	L	17-37
Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 31, 2004	Miami (Fla.)	19 / 14	L	10-27
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2006	Iowa	16 / 25	W	31-24
BCS National Championship	Glendale, Ariz.	Jan. 8, 2007	Ohio State	2 / 1	W	41-14
Capital One (Citrus) Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2008	Michigan	12 / -	L	35-41
BCS National Championship	Miami, Fla.	Jan. 8, 2009	Oklahoma	1 / 2	W	24-14
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 1, 2010	Cincinnati	5 / 4	W	51-24
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2011	Penn State		W	37-24
Gator Bowl	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2012	Ohio State		W	24-17
Sugar Bowl	New Orleans, La.	Jan. 2, 2013	Louisville	4 / 21	L	23-33
Birmingham Bowl	Birmingham, Ala.	Jan. 3, 2015	East Carolina		W	28-20
Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1, 2016	Michigan	19 / 14	L	7-41
Outback Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 2, 2017	Iowa	20 / 21	W	30-3
Peach Bowl	Atlanta, Ga.	Dec. 29, 2018	Michigan	10 / 7	W	41-15
Orange Bowl	Miami, Fla.	Dec. 30, 2019	Virginia	6 / -	W	36-28
Cotton Bowl	Arlington, Tex.	Dec. 30, 2020	Oklahoma	7 / 6	L	20-55
Gasparilla Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Dec. 23, 2021	UCF		L	17-29

## Top Florida Bowl Game Performances

### Rushing Attempts

43 - Fred Taylor, 1998 Citrus Bowl  
 39 - Errict Rhett, 1992 Gator Bowl  
 28 - Emmitt Smith, 1988 All-American Bowl  
 25 - Errict Rhett, 1995 Sugar Bowl  
 Larry Dupree, 1962 Gator Bowl  
 24 - Jordan Reed, 2011 Outback Bowl

### Rushing Yards

234 - Fred Taylor, 1998 Citrus Bowl  
 187 - Larry Smith, 1967 Orange Bowl  
 182 - Errict Rhett, 1992 Gator Bowl  
 165 - Percy Harvin, 2008 Capital One Bowl  
 159 - Emmitt Smith, 1988 All-American Bowl

### Receptions

11 - Travis Taylor, 2000 Citrus Bowl  
 10 - Dallas Baker, 2006 Outback Bowl  
 Taylor Jacobs, 2002 Orange Bowl  
 9 - Five times

### Receiving Yards

181 - Riley Cooper, 2010 Sugar Bowl  
 170 - Taylor Jacobs, 2002 Orange Bowl  
 166 - Cris Collinsworth, 1980 Tangerine Bowl  
 159 - Travis Taylor, 1999 Orange Bowl  
 156 - Travis Taylor, 2000 Citrus Bowl  
 150 - Ike Hilliard, 1997 Sugar Bowl

### Passing Yards

482 - Tim Tebow, 2010 Sugar Bowl  
 394 - Danny Wuerffel, 1995 Sugar Bowl  
 370 - Shane Matthews, 1992 Sugar Bowl  
 352 - Steve Spurrier, 1966 Sugar Bowl  
 323 - Rex Grossman, 2003 Outback Bowl  
 306 - Danny Wuerffel, 1997 Sugar Bowl  
 305 - Kyle Trask, 2019 Orange Bowl

### Passing Touchdowns

4 - Rex Grossman, 2002 Orange Bowl  
 3 - Tim Tebow, 2010 Sugar Bowl  
 Tim Tebow, 2008 Capital One Bowl  
 Doug Johnson, 2000 Citrus Bowl  
 Danny Wuerffel, 1997 Sugar Bowl  
 Bob Hewko, 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl

### Team Records

**Points:** 56 - 2002 Orange Bowl (Maryland)  
**Rushing Yards:** 284 - 1967 Orange Bowl (Ga. Tech)  
**Passing Yards:** 482 - 2010 Sugar Bowl (Cincinnati)  
**Total Yards:** 659 - 2010 Sugar Bowl (Cincinnati)  
**Longest FG:** 51 - Jeff Chandler, 2001 Sugar Bowl



## RECORD WATCH

## INDIVIDUAL - SCHOOL

## Rushing Touchdowns (Season)

1.	Tim Tebow, 2007	23
T2.	Tim Tebow, 2009	14
T2.	Emmitt Smith, 1989	14
T2.	Buford Long, 1952	14
T5.	Dameon Pierce, 2021	13
T5.	Kelvin Taylor, 2015	13
T5.	Fred Taylor, 1997	13
T5.	Emmitt Smith, 1987	13
T9.	Tim Tebow, 2008	12
T9.	Tommy Durrance, 1969	12
T11.	Trey Burton, 2010	11
T11.	Earnest Graham, 2002	11
T11.	Errict Rhett, 1993	11
?	<b>Montrell Johnson Jr., 2022</b>	<b>10</b>
?	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>9</b>

## Rushing Touchdowns by a QB (Season)

1.	Tim Tebow, 2007 (SEC Record)	23
2.	Tim Tebow, 2009	14
T3.	Jeff Driskel, 2012	12
T3.	Tim Tebow, 2008	12
5.	Trey Burton, 2010	11
6.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>9</b>

## Rushing Yards by a QB (Season)

1.	Tim Tebow, 2009	910
2.	Tim Tebow, 2007	895
3.	Emory Jones, 2021	758
4.	Tim Tebow, 2008	673
5.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>654</b>

## Rushing Yards by a QB (Career)

1.	Tim Tebow, 2006-09	2,947
2.	Emory Jones, 2018-21	1,272
3.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2020-22</b>	<b>1,116</b>
4.	Larry Libertore, 1960-62	786
5.	Terry LeCount, 1975-77	655

## Rushing Yards by a True Freshman RB (Season)

1.	Emmit Smith, 1987	1,341
2.	Tony Green, 1974	929
3.	Fred Taylor, 1994	873
4.	<b>Trevor Etienne, 2022</b>	<b>705</b>

## Rushing Yards by a Wide Receiver (Season)

1.	Percy Harvin, 2007	764
2.	Percy Harvin, 2008	660
3.	Percy Harvin, 2006	428
4.	Wes Chandler, 1977	353
5.	Kadarius Toney, 2018	240
6.	Kadarius Toney, 2020	161
7.	Omarius Hines, 2012	159
8.	Omarius Hines, 2010	152
9.	Solomon Patton, 2012	140
10.	Kadarius Toney, 2017	120
?	<b>Ricky Pearsall, 2022</b>	<b>115</b>

(Pearsall needs 33 yards to pass John Capel for 10th all-time in a UF career by a WR)

## Average Yards Per Catch (Season)

1.	Frankie Neal, 1985	24.4
2.	Wes Chandler, 1976	22.0
3.	<b>Ricky Pearsall, 2022</b>	<b>20.6</b>
4.	<b>Justin Shorter, 2022</b>	<b>19.9</b>
5.	Travis McGriff, 1998	19.4

## TD Responsible For (Season)

1.	Tim Tebow, 2007	55
2.	Kyle Trask, 2020	46
3.	Tim Tebow, 2008	42
4.	Danny Wuerffel, 1996	41
5.	Rex Grossman, 2001	39
6.	Danny Wuerffel, 1995	37
7.	Tim Tebow, 2009	35
T8.	Feleipe Franks, 2018	31
T8.	Chris Leak, 2004	31
10.	Shane Matthews, 1991	30
11.	Kyle Trask, 2019	29
?	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>26</b>

## Yards Gained Per Game (Season)

1.	Kyle Trask, 2020	361.1
2.	Rex Grossman, 2001	354.9
3.	Tim Tebow, 2007	321.6
4.	Danny Wuerffel, 1996	293.8
5.	Shane Matthews, 1991	285.5
6.	John Reaves, 1969	285.2
7.	Danny Wuerffel, 1995	284.1
8.	Chris Leak, 2004	273.0
9.	Tim Tebow, 2009	271.8
10.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>266.9</b>
11.	Shane Matthews, 1990	265.9
12.	Shane Matthews, 1992	264.7

## Yards Gained Per Game (Career)

1.	Kyle Trask, 2016-20	265.7
2.	Shane Matthews, 1989-92	264.0
3.	Rex Grossman, 200-02	258.0
4.	Danny Wuerffel, 1993-96	228.3
5.	John Reaves, 1969-71	227.6
6.	Chris Leak, 2003-06	222.5
7.	Tim Tebow, 2006-09	222.4
8.	Feleipe Franks, 2016-19	186.4
9.	Doug Johnson, 1996-99	183.6
10.	Steve Spurrier, 1964-66	176.3
11.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2020-22</b>	<b>175.9</b>

## Passing Attempts (Season)

1.	Rex Grossman, 2002	503
2.	Shane Matthews, 1992	463
3.	Kyle Trask, 2020	437
4.	Chris Leak, 2004	399
5.	John Reaves, 1969	396
6.	Rex Grossman, 2001	395
7.	Shane Matthews, 1990	378
8.	John Reaves, 1970	376
9.	Chris Leak, 2005	374
10.	Chris Leak, 2006	365
11.	Shane Matthews, 1991	361
?	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>327</b>

## Total Plays = passes + rushes (Season)

1.	Rex Grossman, 2002	561
2.	Tim Tebow, 2007	560
3.	Shane Matthews, 1992	536
4.	Tim Tebow, 2009	531
5.	Kyle Trask, 2020	501
6.	Emory Jones, 2-21	489
7.	Chris Leak, 2005	479
8.	Tim Tebow, 2008	474
9.	Chris Leak, 2006	460
10.	Shane Matthews, 1990	450
11.	Feleipe Franks, 2018	432
12.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022</b>	<b>430</b>

## Pass Breakups (Career)

1.	Anthone Lott, 1993-96	42
2.	Larry Kennedy, 1991-94	39
3.	Jalen Tabor, 2014-16	37
4.	Fred Weary, 1994-98	35
T5.	Joe Haden, 2007-09	34
T5.	Louis Oliver, 1984-88	34
7.	Bennie Alexander, 1997-2001	30
8.	Robert Cromartie, 1998-2002	29
9.	Vernon Hargreaves III, 2013-15	28
T10.	Janoris Jenkins, 2008-10	25
T10.	Guss Scott, 2000-03	25
12.	<b>Trey Dean, 2018-22</b>	<b>24</b>

## Longest Rushing Touchdowns at UF

1.	Emmit Smith vs. Mississippi State, 1988	96
T2.	Willie Wilder vs. Mississippi State, 1976	91
T2.	Herb McAnley vs. Sewanee, 1932	91
4.	Ken McLean vs. Georgia, 1944	90
5.	Lamical Perine vs. Auburn, 2019	88
6.	John L. Williams vs. West Texas State, 1982	86
7.	<b>Trevor Etienne vs. South Carolina, 2022</b>	<b>85</b>

## Total Offense (Game)

1.	<b>Emory Jones, 11/13/21 vs. Samford</b>	<b>550</b>
2.	Tim Tebow, 1/1/10 vs. Cincinnati	533
3.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 9/4/22 vs. Tenn.</b>	<b>515</b>
4.	Kyle Trask, 11/7/20 vs. Georgia	469
5.	Danny Wuerffel, 1996 vs. Arkansas	466

## Passing Yards (Game)

1.	Tim Tebow, 1/1/10 vs. Cincinnati	482
T2.	Kyle Trask, 11/7/20 vs. Georgia	474
T2.	Kyle Trask, 12/12/20 vs. LSU	474
T4.	Emory Jones, 11/13/21 vs. Samford	464
T4.	Rex Grossman, 2001 vs. LSU	464
5.	Danny Wuerffel, 1995 vs. Arkansas	462
6.	Doug Johnson, 1998 vs. Vanderbilt	460
7.	Eric Kresser, 1995 vs. Northern Illinois	458
8.	<b>Anthony Richardson, 2022 vs. Tenn.</b>	<b>453</b>

## 50-Yard Field Goals Made (Season)

T1.	<b>Adam Mihalek (2022)</b>	<b>3</b>
T1.	Evan McPherson (2020)	3
T1.	Eddy Pineiro (2016)	3
T1.	Caleb Sturgis (2011)	3

## TEAM - SCHOOL

## Fewest Turnovers (Season)

T1.	2008	13
T1.	2005	13
3.	<b>2022</b>	<b>14</b>
T4.	2012	15
T4.	2007	15

## Rushing Offense - Team (Season)

1.	1975 - (3,326 yards in 11 games)	302.4
2.	1974 - (2,990 yards in 11 games)	271.8
T3.	1989 - (2,693 yards in 11 games)	244.8
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6.	1976 - (2,617 yards in 11 games)	237.9
7.	2008 - (3,236 yards in 14 games)	231.1
8.	2009 - (3,105 yards in 14 games)	221.8
9.	1952 - (2,155 yards in 10 games)	215.5
10.	<b>2022 - (2,564 yards in 12 games)</b>	<b>213.7</b>
11.	2018 - (2,771 yards in 13 games)	213.2
12.	2021 - (2,713 yards in 13 games)	208.7

## Rushing Yards Per Attempt - Team (Season)

1.	2008	5.9
2.	1976	5.9
3.	<b>2022</b>	<b>5.8</b>
4.	2009	5.6
5.	2021	5.5

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## Yards Per Play

1.	1995	7.4
2.	2020	7.3
3.	2008	7.1
4.	1996	7.1
5.	2009	7.0
6.	2007	7.0
7.	1976	6.9
8.	<b>2022</b>	<b>6.8</b>
9.	1998	6.7
10.	2021	6.6





## JOHNSON JR. + ETIENNE = ONE OF FBS' TOP BACKFIELDS

- In their first seasons as Gators, **RB Montrell Johnson Jr.** (144 carries, 827 yards, 5.7 YPC, 10 TD) and **RB Trevor Etienne** (110 carries, 705 yards, 6.4 YPC, 6 TD) have been highly efficient leading UF's running game.
- They are one of eight RB duos in the FBS to have rushed for over 700 yards apiece this season, and one of four FBS RB duos to do so while each rushing for over 5.5 YPC.
- The duo has combined for a touchdown in all 12 games, scoring 17 total TDs (rushing TDs in 11 of 12 games).
- The RB duo has combined for 46 of Florida's 74 explosive rushes (10-plus yards) this season (62.2%).
- Johnson Jr. is one of 12 FBS RBs with back-to-back seasons with 10+ rushing TDs from 2021-22 and the only to do so at two different schools.
- Johnson Jr. is the first UF running back to rush for over 800 yards since La'Mical Perine in 2018.
- Etienne's FBS ranks among true freshmen RBs: YPC (third - 6.4), TDs (110th - six) and rush yards (eighth - 705).
- Etienne is coming off a career-high 129 yards rushing with one TD in Week 13 vs. FSU, marking his second 100-yard rushing game in the last three weeks as well as the second of his young career.
- Johnson Jr. posted back-to-back 100-yard rushing games in Weeks 10-11, including a career-high 161 yards vs. South Carolina in Week 11. He was the first UF RB with consecutive 100-yard games since Jordan Scarlett in 2016.
- In the last four games, the duo has combined for four 100-yard rushing performances, as Etienne hit 100 yards vs. South Carolina and at FSU, and Johnson did so at Texas A&M and vs. South Carolina.
- Johnson Jr. and Etienne became Florida's first pair of 100-yard rushers in 22 games (9/4/21 vs. FAU) in Week 11.
- Etienne's 85-yard TD rush in Week 11 was the seventh-longest TD rush in school history, and the longest by a UF player since Lamical Perine's 88-yard TD run vs. Auburn in 2019. It was also the second-longest TD run by a freshman in school history, and the tied for the 10th-longest TD rush in the FBS this season.
- Johnson Jr. ranks t-fourth in the SEC and t-21st in the Power Five with 10 rushing touchdowns.

## PEARSALL LEADS A BALANCED RECEIVERS ROOM

- 18 different players have caught a pass for Florida this season - most since having 21 players do so in 2018.
- Six wide receivers have led or shared the weekly lead in receiving yards: Justin Shorter (five), **Ricky Pearsall** (three), **Xzavier Henderson** (two), Trent Whittemore (one), **Caleb Douglas** (one) and Daejon Reynolds (one).
- At FSU in Week 13, Pearsall set a career high with 148 yards receiving while his two TDs tied his personal best.
- Pearsall caught two 40-plus yard TDs in the first half, including a career-long 52-yard TD in the first quarter.
- Pearsall has recorded a reception in 27-consecutive games. He ranks second in the FBS with 20.6 yards per catch.
- UF ended the regular season with two WRs in the top-five in the FBS in yards per catch: Shorter (fourth - 19.9).
- Florida is the only team in the FBS with two qualified WRs averaging over 19.0 yards per catch, as Pearsall's 20.6 YPC ranks second nationally while **WR Justin Shorter** sits in fourth at 19.9.
- Shorter finished the season in fourth all-time at UF for single-season YPC. Pearsall's 20.6 currently ranks third.
- Pearsall is one of seven FBS WRs with 115-plus rushing yards and 595-plus receiving yards.
- Pearsall's 76-yard TD run vs. Eastern Washington is the longest rush by an FBS WR this season and ranks t-10th in the FBS across the last five seasons (third-longest run by a UF wide receiver in the last 25 years).
- WR Caleb Douglas** made his first-career start vs. South Carolina, becoming the first true freshman to start at WR since Kadarius Toney (10/7/17 vs. LSU). Douglas led UF with three receptions and 53 yards in Week 11.
- Douglas' 53 yards were the most by a UF WR in his first start since Josh Hammond's 72 vs. North Texas (9/17/16).
- Henderson set a career high with 110 yards receiving vs. UGA (Oct. 29), notching the first 100-yard game of his career.
- QB Anthony Richardson** connected with Henderson for a 78-yard touchdown pass vs. UGA in Week 9 - setting a new career passing long for Richardson and a new career receiving long for Henderson.
- The score was UF's longest pass play since Austin Appleby's 85-yard TD pass to Mark Thompson on Jan. 2, 2017 vs. Iowa. It tied for UF's 11th-longest pass since 1996 and is tied for the 21st-longest TD pass in the FBS this year.

## BUILDING A DOMINANT OFFENSIVE LINE

- The Gators' 13 sacks allowed are tied for the 15th-fewest in the FBS (t-eighth in P5) and second in the SEC.
- Since the start of last season, Florida has out-sacked its opponents by a plus-31 margin, and the Gators' 27 sacks allowed are tied for the 11th-fewest in the FBS (second in the SEC behind Georgia).
- Two UF OL are graded inside the top-20 in the FBS at their position according to Pro Football Focus: **G O'Cyrus Torrence** (#1, 88.6) and **T Austin Barber** (#18, 79.9).
- Torrence never allowed a QB hit or sack in 3,065 career snaps -- zero QB hurries or penalties in 698 snaps in 2022.
- Richard Gouraige has started each of the last 40 games he has been active (missed 2021 vs. Vandy to injury).

## OFFENSIVE GRAB BAG

- Over the last five seasons, the Gators rank eighth in the Power Five with 453.5 scrimmage yards per game and 12th in the Power Five with 34.0 points per game, ranking third and fourth in the SEC, respectively.
- Since 2018, UF ranks seventh in the P5 in passing efficiency (152.7) and 12th in TD-INT ratio (2.87).
- Florida has out-gained its opponents in 18 of 25 games dating back to last season.
- The Gators have had 500-plus yards in three of the last nine games and in 15 of their last 36 games.

## QUICK FACTS

### General Information

**Location:** Gainesville, Fla.  
**Enrollment:** 61,112  
**President:** Dr. Kent Fuchs  
**Athletic Director:** Scott Stricklin  
**Conference:** Southeastern (SEC)  
**Nickname:** Gators  
**Colors:** Orange (PMS 172) & Blue (PMS 287)  
**Stadium (Capacity):** Steve Spurrier-Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (88,548)  
**Surface:** Grass  
**Press Box Number:** (352) 378-9590

### Football History

**All-Time Record:** 753-436-40 (115 years)  
**First Season of Football:** 1906  
**National Championships:** 3 ('96, '06, '08)  
**SEC Championships:** 8 ('91, '93, '94, '95, '96, '00, '06, '08)  
**Bowl Games:** 47 appearances (24-23)  
**2020 Record:** 8-4 (8-2, 1st in SEC East)  
**2021 Record:** 6-7 (2-6 SEC)

### 2022 Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Billy Napier  
**Co-Defensive Coordinator / Safeties:** Patrick Toney  
**Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line:** Rob Sale  
**Co-Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line:** Sean Spencer  
**Associate HC - Offense / Running Backs:** Jabbar Juluke  
**Assistant HC - Defense / Cornerbacks:** Corey Raymond  
**Inside Linebackers:** Jay Bateman  
**Wide Receivers:** Keary Colbert  
**Tight Ends:** William Peagler  
**Outside Linebackers:** Mike Peterson  
**Offensive Line:** Darnell Stapleton  
**Associate HC - Director of Strength & Conditioning:** Mark Hocke

### 2022 GATORS CAPSULE

STARTERS	Returned	Lost
Offense	5	6
Defense	6	5
Specialty	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>

LETTERWINNERS	Returned	Lost
Offense	19	12
Defense	19	16
Specialty	3	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>



**GATORS OFFENSE THROUGH THE YEARS**
**Total Offense (Season Total)**

Year	Yards	Avg.
<b>2021</b>	<b>6,017</b>	<b>462.8</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>6,118</b>	<b>509.8</b>
2019	5,597	430.5
2018	5,547	426.7
2017	3,695	335.9
2016	4,472	344.0
2015	4,676	334.0
2014	4,411	367.6
2013	3,800	316.7
2012	4,342	334.4
2011	4,273	328.7
2010	4,561	350.8
<b>2009</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>457.9</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>6,231</b>	<b>445.1</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>5,943</b>	<b>457.2</b>
2006	5,545	396.1
2005	4,481	373.4
<b>2004</b>	<b>5,123</b>	<b>426.9</b>
2003	5,088	391.4
2002	<b>5,290</b>	<b>406.9</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>541.8</b>

**Passing Offense (Season Total)**

Year	Yards	Avg.
2021	3,304	254.1
<b>2020</b>	<b>4,543</b>	<b>378.6</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>300.8</b>
2018	2,776	213.5
2017	1,975	179.5
2016	2,805	215.8
2015	2,899	207.1
2014	2,159	179.9
2013	2,051	170.9
2012	1,902	146.3
2011	2,414	185.7
2010	2,396	184.3
2009	3,305	236.1
2008	2,995	213.9
<b>2007</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>257.0</b>
2006	3,305	236.1
2005	2,720	226.7
<b>2004</b>	<b>3,253</b>	<b>271.1</b>
2003	3,190	245.4
<b>2002</b>	<b>3,519</b>	<b>270.7</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>4,913</b>	<b>409.4</b>

- In 2021, Florida averaged over 425 YPG for the third time in the last-four seasons.
- In 2020, Florida logged the 10th season in school history in which it averaged 300-plus passing yards per game (2019, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993, 1991).

**OFFENSIVE GRAB BAG (CONTINUED)**

- Florida has amassed 400-plus total yards in eight of 12 games this season, as well as 24 times in its last 35 games, and 37 of the last 54.
- Florida rushed for over 200 yards 26 times in its last 63 games (41.3%) including 14 times since 2021 and eight in 2022.
- UF scored 30-plus points 39 times in 63 games since 2018 (61.9%), and 30-plus in 26 of the last 39 (66.7%).
- UF scored 40 points 20 times in the last 63 games and six times in 25 games the last two seasons.

**DETAILED LOOK AT RICHARDSON'S 2022 CAMPAIGN**

- The seven-top passing yardage totals of **QB Anthony Richardson's** career (453 at No. 11 Tennessee, 240 vs. EWU, 185 vs. LSU, 271 vs. No. 1 UGA, 201 at Texas A&M, 400 at Vandy, 198 at FSU) all came in the last nine games.
- In Richardson's final six career games, he had 12 TD passes, 2 INTs and four rushing TDs (16 TDs vs. two TOs).

**ANTHONY RICHARDSON'S 2022 SEASON (FIRST THREE GAMES VS. LAST NINE GAMES + ROAD SPLITS)**

Statistic	FIRST THREE GAMES	LAST NINE GAMES	ROAD + NEUTRAL GAMES
Passer Rating / Efficiency	89.0	143.9	141.1
Passing Yards/Game	141.0	236.2	304.6
Passing Touchdowns	0	17	11
Interceptions Thrown	4	5	3
TD/Interceptions	0.0	3.4	3.7
Rushing Yards/Game	44.7	57.8	45.0
Rushing Yards/Carry	5.6	6.6	4.6
TEAM Yards Per Game	353.0	470.6	472.4
TEAM Yards Per Play	6.0	7.0	6.3
TEAM Points Per Game	25.3	33.9	31.2

- Richardson's 6.3 yards/carry ranked sixth among qualified FBS quarterbacks.
- Richardson was the only FBS QB with two 400-yard passing games and two 100-yard rushing games in 2022.
- Richardson was one of three FBS players with over 2,500 pass yards and 650 rush yards (Jayden Daniels, Drake Maye).
- Richardson's nine rushing TDs ranked second among SEC QBs and tied-for-11th among FBS QBs.
- Week 13 at FSU:** Richardson posted his sixth game (fourth-straight) with three-plus total TDs (two with four).
- Week 12 at Vandy:** Tied career high with three TD passes (second time) while passing for 400 yards (second time).
- Week 10 at Texas A&M:** Richardson passed for 200-plus yards and finished with two passing TDs and two rushing TDs each for the second time this season.
- At Texas A&M, Richardson's 60-yard TD rush marked his third TD rush of 45-plus yards this season and across the last 10 seasons, he owns each of Florida's five-longest touchdown rushes by a quarterback:
  - » Oct. 15, 2022 vs. LSU: 81-yard TD rush; Sept. 11, 2021 at USF: 80-yard TD rush; Sept. 4, 2021 vs. FAU: 73-yard TD rush; Nov. 5, 2022 at Texas A&M: 60-yard TD rush; Sept. 3, 2022 vs. Utah: 45-yard TD rush
- Week 7 vs. LSU:** Richardson's 81-yard TD run to open the fourth quarter marked Florida's third-longest TD rush since 1996, longest by a UF QB since 1996 and is the fourth-longest TD rush among FBS QBs in 2022.
- Of Richardson's 36 career touchdowns (24 passing, 12 rushing), he produced:
  - » Seven TDs of 70-plus yards, 14 TDs of 40-plus yards and 16 TDs of 25-plus yards.
  - » Three TD rushes of 70-plus yards, four TD rushes of 60 yards and five TD rushes of 45 yards
  - » Four 70-plus-yard TD passes, nine 40-yard TD passes, 10 30-yard TD passes and 11 25-yard TD passes
- Week 4 at Tennessee:** Richardson finished with 515 total yards of offense, which ranked third all-time in program history. His 515 yards of offense was the top mark in the SEC and ranked fourth in the P5 this season.
  - » 1. Emory Jones, 550 vs. Samford (2021) 2. Tim Tebow, 533 vs. Cincinnati (2009)
- Week 4:** Richardson's career-high 453 yards passing ranked ninth in a single game in program history and ranked seventh in the P5 this year (third in FBS).
- Week 4:** Richardson became the first Florida quarterback to pass for 450-plus yards and two-plus passing touchdowns while rushing for 50-plus yards and two-plus rushing touchdowns in a single game.

**RICHARDSON'S TIME CAPSULE**

- QB Anthony Richardson** earned SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors in Week 1 after setting a career high with three rushing TDs while passing for 168 yards, becoming the first UF QB to rush for three-plus TDs and pass for 150-plus yards in the same game since Tim Tebow vs. Georgia on Nov. 1, 2008.
  - » Richardson became the first UF QB to rush for three TDs in a game since Emory Jones vs. Vandy on Nov. 9, 2019.
  - » Richardson is one of three UF QBs since 1996 to rush for three TDs and pass for 150-plus yards in the same game, joining Jesse Palmer and Tim Tebow (twice).
- Richardson's 7.9 YPC ranked fourth in the FBS among QBs with 50-plus carries last season.
- Richardson also ranked t-ninth among FBS quarterbacks with 57.3 rushing yards per game in 2021.
- Against USF last season, Richardson completed a 75-yard TD pass and 41-yard TD pass (both in first half), as well as breaking off an 80-yard TD rush. Richardson is the only player in the last 11 seasons with an 80-yard run and 75-yard pass in the same game - since Nebraska's Taylor Martinez on Oct. 7, 2010 vs. Kansas State.
- Richardson's 80-yard TD rush in the fourth quarter vs. USF tied for the 10th-longest touchdown rush in Florida football history. It was also the longest rush by a UF quarterback in the last 25 years, as well as the third-longest TD rush by an FBS QB in 2021.





## LONG-TERM DEFENSIVE TRENDS

- Florida ranks second in the SEC and eighth nationally in sacks since the 2018 season with 177 - trailing only Clemson (229), Pittsburgh (217), Alabama (204), Miami (186), Ohio State (184), Marshall (179) and Oklahoma State (178).
  - » Since 1996, UF is tied for 13th in the FBS with 851 sacks and rank second in the SEC behind Alabama at 876.
- UF has held opponents to a 54.0 passing completion percentage since 1996, which is the seventh-lowest in the FBS and third in the SEC.
- Since 1996, The Gators are tied for fifth nationally in interceptions with 409 and lead the SEC, with the next closest team, Alabama, 19 picks behind.
  - » Florida is tied for sixth in the SEC with nine interceptions this season.
  - » The Gators have recorded an interception in six games this season - No. 7 Utah (1), No. 20 Kentucky (1), USF (2), Missouri (2), No. 1 Georgia (2) and Vanderbilt (1).
- Florida's defense has produced 562 turnovers since 2000, leading the SEC and tied for seventh in the country.

## DEFENSIVE YOUTH

- Ten Florida defensive players made their collegiate debuts during the regular season, including 11 that appeared for the first time as a Gator.
  - » Five players - **LB Shemar James**, **DL Chris McClellan**, **S Miguel Mitchell**, **DL Tyreek Sapp** and **S Kamari Wilson** - made their collegiate debuts in the season opener vs. No. 7 Utah and appeared in every game.
  - » James started at LB in the season opener, becoming the first Gator true freshman to start a season opener since Marco Wilson vs. Michigan in 2017 and the first true freshman LB since David Reese II vs. South Carolina in 2016. James earned his second-career start the next week vs. No. 20 Kentucky.
  - » James ranks sixth on the team in tackles (40), t-fourth in sacks (2.0) and seventh in QB hurries (3).
  - » At No. 11 Tennessee, James recorded his first-career sack in the first quarter, getting to Tennessee QB Hendon Hooker for a six-yard loss. The sack also marked his first-career TFL.
  - » Wilson earned his first-career start vs. Eastern Washington. The last true freshman to start for the Gators at safety was Trey Dean III in 2018 vs. Colorado State. He added another start at No. 16 Florida State.
  - » Freshman **LB Jack Pyburn** and Sophomore **DL Keenan Landry** both made their college debuts vs. Eastern Washington, as Pyburn had a solo tackle. Freshman **OLB Bryce Capers** later made his debut vs. South Carolina.
- Georgia transfer **DB Jalen Kimber** made his UF debut and finished with two tackles vs. No. 7 Utah.
  - » His 39-yard interception return TD vs. USF in the second quarter represented Florida's first pick-six since CJ Gardner-Johnson's 30-yard interception return TD against Michigan in the Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl on Dec. 29, 2018. The pick-six marked Florida's 51st since 1996.
- **CB Jason Marshall Jr.** has started all 12 games this season for a total of 18 all-time and has played in all 25 games in his career.
  - » Four other underclassmen have earned their first-career starts this season in **DL Desmond Watson** (at No. 11 Tennessee), **DL Justus Boone** (vs. Eastern Washington), **JACK Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.** (at Texas A&M) and **S Miguel Mitchell** (vs. South Carolina).
- Eight of the 22 turnovers forced by the Gators have come from underclassmen - Powell-Ryland (2), Jalen Kimber (1), Shemar James (1), Jason Marshall Jr. (1), Miguel Mitchell (1), Desmond Watson (1) and Kamari Wilson (1).

## POWELL-RYLAND ON THE RISE

- Sophomore **Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.** has started to make his impact in the last five games on the defensive side of the ball.
  - » He has recorded 21.0 total tackles with 5.5 TFL, 3.0 sacks, two forced fumbles, one quarterback hurry and one pass breakup.
- In Week 13 at Florida State, he posted his fifth-straight game with a TFL, which was also a strip sack for his team-leading third forced fumble of the season.
  - » He is one away from moving into a tie for ninth all-time for forced fumbles in a season, which was last set by Major Wright in 2007.
  - » Powell-Ryland Jr. is one of seven SEC defenders to have forced three fumbles this year, which is tied for the league lead.
  - » The last Gator to force three fumbles in a season was Jonathan Greenard in 2019.
- In his first career start at Texas A&M, he improved his career-high for tackles (six), then proceeded to do so again the following week while starting vs. South Carolina (seven tackles).
  - » Florida shut out the Aggies in the second half, marking the first second half shutout since Oct. 9, 2021 vs. Vanderbilt (W, 42-0).
  - » The Gators also held Texas A&M to 106 total yards in the second half, including 29 yards in the third quarter and 11 total rushing yards.
- According to Pro Football Focus, he owns Florida's second-best pass rush grade with a 86.9 and is fourth overall with a defensive grade of 72.8.
  - » PFF also lists Powell-Ryland Jr. with the 14th-best overall defensive grade among SEC edge defenders.

## 2021-22

### OFFENSE LOST/RETURNING

#### PASSING

**2021: 3,304 total passing yards**

**E. Jones: 2,734 yards (82.7%)**

**Richardson: 529 yards (16.0%)**

**Whittemore: 41 yards (1.2%)**

Florida **lost 82.7%** of passing offense

#### RUSHING

**2021: 2,713 total rushing yards**

**E. Jones: 758 yards (27.9%)**

**Pierce: 574 yards (21.2%)**

**Davis: 487 yards (18.0%)**

**Richardson: 401 yards (14.8%)**

**Wright: 326 yards (12.0%)**

**Bowman: 81 yards (3.0%)**

**Lingard: 43 yards (1.6%)**

**Crawshaw: 28 yards (1.0%)**

**Copeland: 20 yards (0.7%)**

**Wells: 10 yards (0.4%)**

**TEAM: -15 yards (-0.5%)**

Florida **lost 71.1%** of rushing offense

#### RECEIVING

**2021: 3,304 total receiving yards**

**Copeland: 642 yards (19.4%)**

**Shorter: 550 yards (16.6%)**

**Gamble: 414 yards (12.5%)**

**Henderson: 277 yards (8.4%)**

**Wells: 259 yards (7.8%)**

**Davis: 217 yards (6.6%)**

**Pierce: 216 yards (6.5%)**

**Whittemore: 210 yards (6.4%)**

**Wright: 178 yards (5.4%)**

**Zipperer: 133 yards (4.0%)**

**Burke: 73 yards (2.2%)**

**Weston: 68 yards (2.1%)**

**Fraziars: 35 yards (1.1%)**

**E. Jones: 28 yards (0.8%)**

**Lingard: 9 yards (0.2%)**

**Reynolds: -5 yards (-0.2%)**

Florida **lost 53.8%** of receiving offense

However, Florida **returns 57.3%** of its WR-specific receiving offense, as Copeland and Wells are the lone wide receivers to depart from last year's corps.

Despite being without two of the team's top-three receivers from 2021, Florida returns 10 players who caught at least one pass last year.



**GATORS IN THE FBS / P5 / SEC RANKINGS  
(2022)**
**Yards Per Carry (FBS)**

Rk.	Team	YPC
1.	UCLA	6.1
2.	UAB	6.0
3.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>5.8</b>
4.	Kansas	5.7
5.	Michigan	5.6

**Net Punting (FBS)**

Rk.	Team	AVG
1.	Michigan State	45.5
2.	Cincinnati	44.7
3.	Rutgers	43.6
4.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>43.5</b>

**Passing Yards Per Completion (P5)**

Rk.	Team	AVG
1.	Tennessee	14.72
2.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>14.68</b>
3.	Ohio State	14.06

**2022 SEC Turnovers Gained**

Rk.	Team	Total
1.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>22</b>
2.	Mississippi State	21

**2022 SEC Yards Per Catch**

Rk.	Player	YPC
1.	<b>Ricky Pearsall</b>	<b>20.5</b>
2.	<b>Justin Shorter</b>	<b>19.9</b>

**2022 Yards Per Catch (FBS)**

Rk.	Player	YPC
2.	<b>Ricky Pearsall</b>	<b>20.5</b>
4.	<b>Justin Shorter</b>	<b>19.9</b>

(minimum 2 catches per team game)

**2022 QB Single Game Total Offense (P5)**

Rk.	Player, Team	Total
1.	Michael Penix Jr., Washington	529
2.	Drake Maye, North Carolina	519
3.	<b>Anthony Richardson, FLORIDA</b>	<b>515</b>

**2022 QB Yards Per Completion (P5)**

Rk.	Player, Team	Total
1.	<b>Anthony Richardson, FLORIDA</b>	<b>14.4</b>
2.	C.J. Stroud, Ohio State	14.2

**2022 QB Long Touchdown Run (FBS)**

Rk.	Player, Team	Total
1.	Mike Wright, Vanderbilt	87
2.	<b>Anthony Richardson, FLORIDA</b>	<b>81</b>

**2022 RB Long Touchdown Run (FBS)**

Rk.	Player	Total
<b>T10.</b>	<b>Trevor Etienne</b>	<b>85</b>

**2022 SEC Yards Per Carry**

Rk.	Player	Total
6.	<b>Trevor Etienne</b>	<b>6.4</b>
7.	<b>Anthony Richardson</b>	<b>6.3</b>
12.	<b>Montrell Johnson Jr.</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**2022 SEC Tackle Leaders**

Rk.	Player	Total
15.	<b>Trey Dean III</b>	<b>77</b>
16.	<b>Rashad Torrence II</b>	<b>76</b>
T17	<b>Ventrell Miller</b>	<b>74</b>
T22.	<b>Amari Burney</b>	<b>71</b>

**2022 SEC TFL Leaders**

Rk.	Player	Total
T15.	<b>Amari Burney</b>	<b>9.0</b>
T19.	<b>Princley Umanmielen</b>	<b>8.5</b>
T19.	<b>Ventrell Miller</b>	<b>8.5</b>

**TURNOVERS TRENDING IN 2022**

- The Gators have produced 22 turnovers this season with at least one each game, including seven with multiple.
  - » Last season, UF only had nine turnovers gained through the first-nine games and finished the season with 13 total.
  - » The last time the Gators produced at least 22 turnovers in a season was in 2019, when they finished with 23.
  - » Against South Carolina, Florida caused three-consecutive turnovers to start the second half, as USC only ran a total of four offensive plays - the non-turnover play was a zero-yard rush.
- The Gators rank first in the SEC in turnovers gained and second in turnover margin (+8). Last season, Florida was 11th in turnovers gained and 13th in turnover margin.
- Over the last 14 quarters, the Gators have forced eight turnovers.
- Florida has opened the season with 12-straight games with a takeaway, marking the Gators' longest streak since having 15-straight games with a takeaway from Oct. 18, 2014 to Oct. 21, 2015 (last-seven games of 2014 + first-eight games of 2015).
- The 22 total takeaways have resulted in 70 points for the Gators.
- Eleven of the turnovers caused marked career firsts for a group of Gators: **Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.** (forced fumble vs. USF), **Jalen Kimber** (interception vs. USF), **Ventrell Miller** (forced fumble at Tennessee), **Amari Burney** (forced fumble at Tenn.), **Miguel Mitchell** (forced fumble vs. Eastern Washington), **CB Jaydon Hill** (interception vs. Missouri), **Jadarrius Perkins** (interception vs. UGA), **Rashad Torrence II** (forced fumble vs. USC), **Desmond Watson** (forced fumble vs. USC), **Kamari Wilson** (forced fumble vs. USC) and **Shemar James** (forced fumble at FSU).
  - » The first turnover of the season by the defense was Burney's game-winning interception vs. No. 7 Utah in the opener.
- Burney (four), Hill (two), Miller (two), Powell-Ryland Jr. (two) and Umanmielen (two) have forced multiple takeaways this year.
  - » Burney, Miller, Umanmielen and Powell-Ryland Jr. have forced at least two fumbles. The last time Florida had four players with two-plus forced fumbles was 2014.
- The fumble forced on Florida State's opening drive marked the third game in which Florida caused a takeaway on the opponent's opening drive: at Tennessee, Ventrell Miller forced a fumble and vs. USF, Powell-Ryland Jr. forced a fumble.

**BREAKOUT BURNEY**

- LB Amari Burney** has had a breakout season in his fifth campaign with the Gators, contributing in a multitude of ways.
- The St. Petersburg, Fla. native leads the team in sacks (4.0) and TFL (9.0) while ranking t-first in interceptions (two), t-second in forced fumbles (two), t-second in pass breakups (4) and fourth in tackles (71).
- Burney is one of four FBS linebackers (of six total players) with at least 4.0 TFL, two INTs and two forced fumbles.
- He sealed a 29-26 season-opening victory over No. 7 Utah with his third-career interception, which came in the endzone with 0:17 remaining in the fourth quarter.
  - » The victory marked UF's highest-ranked victory in a season opener in program history.
- He is one of three SEC defenders to have forced four-plus turnovers this season, joining Arkansas' Dwight McGloth-ern and Tennessee's Trevon Flowers.
- Burney forced his first-career fumble at No. 11 Tennessee, as he finished with 2.5 TFL, 2.0 solo sacks, and eight total tackles (seven solo).
- Against No. 1 Georgia, he caused two turnovers (forced fumble and interception) on back-to-back drives in the 3Q.
  - » Both set up scores for the Gators: 26-yard field goal from **K Adam Mihalek** and 78-yard TD pass from **QB Anthony Richardson** to **WR Xavier Henderson**.
  - » He also had a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup on third down that forced Georgia to punt.
  - » Florida has forced nine turnovers (three each game) in the last three meetings with UGA, with Burney being responsible for three of them, with an interception and a forced fumble this season and an interception in 2020.
- He has now been involved on five takeaways this season: two interceptions, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

**THE RETURN OF HILL**

- After missing last season due to an injury and the beginning of the 2022 campaign, **CB Jaydon Hill** has started the last eight games for the Gators.
  - » His season debut vs. Eastern Washington marked 641 days since his last game (Cotton Bowl vs Oklahoma in 2020).
  - » Hill has played in a career-high 380 snaps this season.
- In his second start, he recorded two interceptions, including a 49-yard interception return touchdown in the first quarter vs. Missouri.
  - » The first pick marked his first-career interception and first-career touchdown.
  - » His first interception also represented Florida's longest pick-six since Ventrell Miller's 82-yard interception return touchdown vs. Idaho on Nov. 17, 2018.
  - » Hill became the first Florida player with two interceptions and a pick-six in the same game since CJ Gardner-Johnson vs. Michigan in the Peach Bowl on Dec. 29, 2018.
- The second interception late in the 3rd quarter set up a nine-play, 91-yard touchdown drive that put Florida ahead 24-10 with a nine-yard touchdown pass from Anthony Richardson to Ricky Pearsall early in the fourth quarter.
- His performance vs. the Tigers also earned him his first-career SEC Defensive Player of the Week Honor.
  - » The last Gators DB to earn weekly conference honors was Shawn Davis in 2019 vs. Auburn.





	In 2022	From 2018-21	From 2015-17	From 2011-14	From 2005-10
<b>Florida's Record...</b>					
Overall	6-6	35-16	23-15	29-21	65-15
at Home	5-2	20-4	14-4	18-8	36-5
on the Road	1-3	11-6	6-6	8-9	17-7
at Neutral Sites	0-1	4-7	3-5	3-4	12-3
in the State of Florida	5-4	25-8	17-7	21-13	46-8
Jacksonville	0-1	1-3	2-1	2-3	5-1
Miami	--	1-0	--	0-1	1-0
Orlando	--	1-0	0-1	--	0-1
Tallahassee	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1
Tampa	--	1-1	1-0	--	2-0
in Overtime	--	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0
<b>Florida versus SEC Teams...</b>					
Overall	3-5	21-14	16-10	17-15	38-13
at Home	2-2	11-4	8-2	9-5	16-5
on the Road	1-2	9-6	6-5	7-7	15-6
at Neutral Sites	0-1	1-4	2-3	1-3	7-2
<b>Florida in Games...</b>					
vs. Non-Conference Teams	3-1	14-2	7-5	12-6	27-2
vs. Unranked Teams	5-2	28-8	19-6	24-8	47-5
vs. Ranked Teams	1-4	6-8	4-9	5-13	18-10
Home	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	6-2
Away	0-2	1-2	1-3	2-8	4-6
Neutral	0-1	3-6	1-5	1-3	8-2
vs. Top-10 Teams	1-1	4-7	1-4	4-6	12-4
Decided by 7 points or less	3-3	4-8	9-2	7-9	10-7
Decided by 3 points or less	2-0	1-4	3-2	1-3	4-3
<b>When Florida...</b>					
Scores First	4-3	25-7	18-5	17-7	49-1
Opponents Score First	2-3	10-9	5-10	12-14	16-14
Scores 30-plus points	4-3	28-4	9-0	17-0	47-3
Scores 40-plus points	2-0	16-2	3-0	6-0	31-0
Scores less than 21 points	0-2	1-9	6-12	4-18	4-9
Allows 14 or fewer points	1-0	15-1	18-0	16-0	40-1
Allows 20 or fewer points	2-0	23-2	19-2	24-5	52-2
Allows 21-plus points	3-6	12-16	4-13	5-16	13-13
Leads at halftime	4-2	27-4	17-3	24-4	57-3
Trails -or- Tied at halftime	2-4	8-12	6-12	5-17	8-12
Leads after 3rd Quarter	5-0	31-3	20-1	24-3	60-2
Trails -or- Tied after 3rd Qtr.	1-6	4-13	3-14	5-18	5-13
Out-Rushes its Opponent	5-3	25-2	16-2	27-6	63-6
is Out-Rushed by Opponent	1-3	9-14	7-13	2-15	2-9
<b>When Florida Finishes with...</b>					
300-plus Total Yards	5-5	35-14	17-6	24-5	58-9
400-plus Total Yards	4-3	25-7	8-1	15-1	39-1
500-plus Total Yards	2-1	16-2	3-0	5-0	21-0
Less than 300 Total Yards	1-1	0-2	6-9	5-16	7-6
150-plus Rushing Yards	6-2	24-6	11-3	21-3	48-5
200-plus Rushing Yards	6-2	16-3	7-1	15-2	32-2
250-plus Rushing Yards	4-1	8-1	4-0	7-0	17-0
a 100-yard Rusher	4-2	8-0	9-1	17-3	19-1
Less than 100 Rushing Yards	0-1	6-5	3-9	1-8	7-5
250-plus Passing Yards	1-3	24-9	6-4	5-2	27-1
300-plus Passing Yards	1-2	17-5	2-0	3-1	11-1
Less than 200 Passing Yards	4-3	6-5	17-11	17-17	23-8
Blocked a Kick / Punt	--	3-2	0-4	9-3	22-1
<b>When Florida Allows...</b>					
Less than 200 Total Yards	--	2-0	6-0	5-3	12-0
Less than 300 Total Yards	1-2	16-2	15-2	17-7	40-3
300-plus Total Yards	5-4	19-14	8-13	12-14	25-12
400-plus Total Yards	4-4	7-11	3-8	4-6	5-4
Less than 100 Rushing Yards	1-1	16-1	12-2	18-5	44-1
100-plus Rushing Yards	5-5	19-15	11-13	11-16	21-14
150-plus Rushing Yards	4-5	9-12	5-12	2-13	3-8
200-plus Rushing Yards	2-3	3-8	3-11	1-6	1-4
a 100-yard Rusher	4-5	5-12	6-9	2-12	7-7
Less than 200 Passing Yards	2-1	16-6	16-7	16-13	38-7
200-plus Passing Yards	4-5	18-9	7-8	13-8	27-8
300-plus Passing Yards	0-3	4-3	1-1	3-2	7-1

## TITLE CENTRAL

Florida is one of three schools to win three outright national titles since 1990. The 2006 and 2008 championships were won in the BCS National Championship Game, and the Gators were the unanimous pick in all four major polls in 1996.

### NATIONAL TITLES (Since 1990)

Team	Years	Titles
Alabama	1992, 2009, '11, '12, '15, '17, '20	7
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>1996, 2006, 2008</b>	<b>3</b>
Florida State	1993, 1999, 2013	3
LSU	2003*, 2007, 2019	3
Nebraska	1994, 1995, 1997*	3
Clemson	2016, 2018	2
Miami	1991*, 2001	2
Ohio State	2002, 2014	2
Southern California	2003*, 2004	2

\*Split Title

### SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WINS

Alabama	10
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>7</b>
LSU	5
Auburn	3
Georgia	3
Tennessee	2

### SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCES

Alabama	14
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>13</b>
Georgia	9
Auburn	6
LSU	6
Tennessee	5
Arkansas	3
Missouri	2
Mississippi State	1
South Carolina	1

### RECORDS IN THE SWAMP (Since 1990)

Overall	174-34
vs. SEC	92-25
vs. SEC East	62-9
vs. SEC West	30-16
vs. Non-Conference	81-9
vs. Ranked Teams	30-18
vs. Top-10 Teams	18-10
vs. Top-5 Teams	12-8
vs. Unranked Teams	144-16



## THE LAST TIME...

## A Gators Player Had...

30+ Rushing Attempts:	34 - Mike Gillislee vs. LSU (Oct. 6, 2012 / 134 games)
40+ Rushing Attempts:	41 (school record) - Errict Rhett vs. Georgia (Oct. 30, 1993 / 377 games)
100+ Yards Rushing:	<b>129 - Trevor Etienne at Florida State (Nov. 25, 2022 / 0 games)</b>
200+ Yards Rushing:	210 - Ciatrick Fason vs. Kentucky (Sept. 25, 2004 / 241 games)
300+ Yards Rushing:	316 (school record) - Emmitt Smith vs. New Mexico (Oct. 21, 1989 / 425 games)
5+ Touchdowns Rushing:	5 (tied school record) - Trey Burton vs. Kentucky (Sept. 25, 2010 / 161 games)
20+ Pass Completions:	<b>25 - Anthony Richardson at Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b>
30+ Pass Completions:	35 - Kyle Trask at Tennessee (Dec. 5, 2020 / 29 games)
40+ Pass Completions:	44 - Luke Del Rio vs. UMass (Sept. 3, 2016 / 86 games)
300+ Yards Passing:	<b>400 - Anthony Richardson at Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b>
400+ Yards Passing:	<b>400 - Anthony Richardson at Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b>
500+ Yards Passing:	Never
5+ Touchdowns Passing:	6 - Emory Jones vs. Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 15 games)
Consecutive 300-Yard Passing Games:	Kyle Trask vs. Tennessee-LSU-Alabama (2020 / 27 games)
3+ Consecutive Games with 300+ Yards Passing:	3 - Kyle Trask (Tennessee-LSU-Alabama (Dec. 5-12-19, 2020 / 27 games)
10+ Receptions:	15 (tied school record) - Demarcus Robinson vs. Kentucky (Sept. 13, 2014 / 114 games)
150+ Receiving Yards:	<b>165 - Daejon Reynolds at Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b>
3+ Receiving TDs:	3 - Kyle Pitts vs. Kentucky (Nov. 28, 2020 / 30 games)
Kickoff Return TD:	Antonio Callaway (44 yards) vs. Missouri (Oct. 15, 2016 / 81 games)
Punt Return TD:	Kadarius Toney (50 yards) vs. Kentucky (Nov. 28, 2020 / 30 games)
150+ Return Yards:	158 (kickoff) - Solomon Patton vs. Missouri (Oct. 19, 2013 / 109 games)
Fake Field Goal TD:	Michael McNeely (21 yards) vs. Georgia (Nov. 1, 2014 / 107 games)
Multiple Interceptions:	<b>2 - Jaydon Hill vs. Missouri (Oct. 8, 2022 / 6 games)</b>
Consecutive Multi-Interception Games:	Ryan Smith, vs. Alabama (2), Sept. 30, 2006 vs. LSU (2), Oct. 7, 2006 / 213 games
Interception Return TD:	<b>Jaydon Hill (49 yards) vs. Missouri (Oct. 8, 2022 / 6 games)</b>
Intercepted PAT Return for Defensive Extra Point:	Keiwan Ratliff vs. Kentucky (Sept. 28, 2002 / 265 games)
Fumble Return TD:	Zachary Carter vs. Arkansas, 35 yards (Nov. 14, 2020 / 32 games)
Fumble Recovery TD in End Zone:	Nick Washington vs. Georgia (Oct. 31, 2015 / 94 games)
Blocked a Punt:	Jordan Pouncey at LSU (Oct. 16, 2021 / 18 games)
Blocked a Field Goal:	Adam Shuler vs. Towson (Sept. 28, 2019 / 46 games)
Blocked a PAT:	Antonio Valentino at Kentucky (Oct. 2, 2021 / 20 games)
Blocked Multiple Kicks (any combo):	Chris Rainey (2 punts) at Vanderbilt (Nov. 6, 2010 / 156 games)
Blocked Punt Return TD:	vs. Colorado State (Sept. 15, 2018 / 61 games)
Blocked Field Goal Return TD:	James Houston IV block, Tyrie Cleveland 0-yard return vs. Florida State (Nov. 26, 2005 / 221 games)
Blocked PAT Return for Extra Point:	Marcus Thomas block, Reggie Lewis 52-yard return vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 64 games)
Made a 50-Yard Field Goal:	Jeremiah Moon block, Austin Perry return <b>Adam Mihalek (50) at Texas A&amp;M (Nov. 5, 2022 / 3 games)</b>
Made Multiple 50-Yard Field Goals:	Evan McPherson (51 + 53 yards) vs. Georgia (Nov. 7, 2020 / 32 games)
Missed a PAT:	<b>Adam Mihalek at Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b>
Missed a Field Goal:	<b>Adam Mihalek (36 yards) vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)</b>
Played Both Ways:	Cece Jefferson, Jordan Sherit vs. LSU (Oct. 7, 2017 / 70 games)
Started Both Ways:	Loucheiz Purifoy (CB / RB) vs. Florida State (Nov. 24, 2012 / 127 games)
WR or RB Throw a TD Pass:	Trent Whittemore at Missouri (Nov. 20, 2021 / 14 games)
TD by an Offensive Lineman:	Thomas Moody (6-yard reception) vs. South Carolina (Nov. 11, 2000 / 285 games)
Rushing & Receiving TDs:	Dameon Pierce (2 Rush/1 Rec) & Malik Davis (1 Rush/1 Rec) vs. Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 (15 games)
Forced & Recovered Fumble:	<b>Rashad Torrence II vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)</b>

## The Gators Had...

2 Gators with 100+ Yards Rushing:	<b>vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)</b> <b>Montrell Johnson Jr. (161 yards), Trevor Etienne (100 yards)</b>
2 Gators with 100+ Receiving Yards:	<b>at Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b> <b>Daejon Reynolds (165 yards), Justin Shorter (106 yards)</b>
10+ Plays of 20+ Yards in a Game:	<b>14 - vs. Eastern Washington (Oct. 2, 2022 / 7 games)</b>

Converted Five Fourth Downs in a Game:

**5 for 6 - at Tennessee (Sept. 24, 2022 / 8 games)**Shut Out an Opponent:

42-0 vs. Vanderbilt (Oct. 9, 2021 / 19 games)

Held Opponent Under 100 Yards Total Offense:

53 - vs. North Texas (Sept. 17, 2016 / 86 games)

Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Passing:

3 - vs. Charleston Southern (Sept. 1, 2018 / 63 games)

Held Opponent Under 50 Yards Rushing:

**44 - vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)**

Forced an Opponent to Have Five Drives of Negative Yards:

6 - vs. Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 22, 2014 / 104 games)

3+ Gators with an Interception:

3 - vs. Kentucky (Nov. 28, 2020 / 30 games)  
Shawn Davis, Mohamoud Diabate, Tre'Vez Johnson

Multiple Defensive TDs:

2 Interception return TDs vs. Idaho (Nov. 17, 2018 / 53 games)

Multiple Interception Return TDs:

2 - vs. Idaho (Nov. 17, 2018 / 53 games)  
Ventrell Miller (82 yards), Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (26 yards)

Converted a 2-Point Conversion:

**vs. Kentucky, Sept. 10, 2022 / 10 games (Trevor Etienne reception)**

Recorded a Safety:

**vs. Kentucky, Sept. 10, 2022 / 10 games (UK high snap on punt)**

Blocked 2 Kicks (any combo):

2 - vs. Towson (Sept. 28, 2019 / 46 games)  
Zachary Carter (blocked punt), Adam Shuler (blocked FG)

Blocked 3 Kicks (any combo):

3 - vs. Kentucky (Oct. 25, 2008 / 187 games)  
William Green (blocked punt), Jeff Demps (blocked punt), Joe Haden (blocked FG)

Blocked 2 Punts:

at Vanderbilt, Nov. 6, 2010 / 156 games (Chris Rainey, both)

Blocked 2 Field Goals:

vs. So. Carolina, Nov. 11, 2006 / 210 games (Ray McDonald; Jarvis Moss)

Touchdown on Opening Drive:

**vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)**

Touchdowns on First Three Possessions:

**vs. South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)**

Touchdowns on First Four Possessions:

**vs. Eastern Washington (Oct. 2, 2022 / 7 games)**

Touchdowns on First Seven Possessions:

vs. The Citadel (Nov. 22, 2008 / 181 games)

4 Freshmen Score TDs:

vs. Western Carolina, Nov. 18, 2006 / 210 games

Riley Cooper (3 rec.); Tim Tebow (2 rush); Jarrod Fayson (rush); Brandon James (punt return)

Time of Possession of 40+ Minutes:

42:04 - vs. UAB (Nov. 18, 2017 / 65 games)

Florida Intentionally Took Safety:

John Brantley vs. Furman (Nov. 19, 2011 / 141 games)

Florida Player Allows Safety via Penalty:

John Brantley vs. Furman (Nov. 19, 2011 / 141 games)  
Batted ball out of end zone after botched snap

Florida's Opponent Had...

40+ Rushing Attempts:	44 - Derrick Henry, Alabama (Dec. 5, 2015 / 87 games)
100+ Yards Rushing:	<b>111 - Trey Benson, Florida State (Nov. 25, 2022 / 0 games)</b>
200+ Yards Rushing:	287 - Tyrion Davis-Price, LSU (Oct. 16, 2021 / 18 games)
2+ Players with 100+ Yards Rushing:	<b>vs. USF (Sept. 17, 2022 / 9 games)</b>
3+ Rushing Touchdowns:	<b>150 - Brian Battie &amp; and 102 - Gerry Bohanon</b>
20+ Pass Completions:	<b>3 - Trey Benson, Florida State (Nov. 25, 2022 / 0 games)</b>
30+ Pass Completions:	<b>23 - Haynes King, Texas A&amp;M (Nov. 5, 2022 / 3 games)</b>
40+ Pass Completions:	33 - Liam Welch, Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 15 games)
300+ Yards Passing:	40 - Kyle Shurmur, Vanderbilt (Sept. 30, 2017 / 71 games)
400+ Yards Passing:	<b>316 - Stetson Bennett, Georgia (Oct. 29, 2022 / 4 games)</b>
100+ Yards Receiving:	400 - Liam Welch, Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 15 games)
150+ Yards Receiving:	<b>120 - Evan Stewart, Texas A&amp;M (Nov. 5, 2022 / 3 games)</b>
200+ Yards Receiving:	<b>154 - Brock Bowers, Georgia (Oct. 29, 2022 / 4 games)</b>
2+ Players with 100+ Yards Receiving:	227 - Elijah Moore, Ole Miss (Sept. 26, 2020 / 37 games) LSU, Oct. 12, 2019 / 44 games
3+ Receiving Touchdowns:	Ja'Marr Chase (127), Justin Jefferson (123)
300+ Yards Total Offense:	3 - Jaray Jenkins, LSU (Oct. 16, 2021 / 18 games)
Kickoff Return Touchdown:	<b>Florida State - 497 (227 rush/270 pass) (Nov. 25, 2022 / 0 games)</b>
Punt Return Touchdown:	Montrell Washington (98 yards), Samford (Nov. 13, 2021 / 15 games)
Fumble Return Touchdown:	Marcus Murphy (82 yards), Missouri (Oct. 18, 2014 / 107 games)
Interception Return Touchdown:	<b>Wesley Schelling (0 yards), Vanderbilt (Nov. 19, 2022 / 1 game)</b>
3+ Interceptions (one player):	<b>Keidron Smith (65 yards), Kentucky (Sept. 10, 2022 / 10 games)</b>
50+ Yard Field Goal:	3 - Corey Webster, LSU (Oct. 12, 2002 / 263 games)
Blocked a Field Goal:	Cade York (57 yards), LSU (Dec. 12, 2020 / 28 games)
Blocked Field Goal Touchdown:	<b>Cam Smith, South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)</b> Kentucky, (Oct. 2, 2021 / 20 games)
Fake Field Goal Touchdown:	Joshua Paschal block, Trevin Wallace 76-yard return
Blocked Punt:	Trent Domingue (17-yard run), LSU (Oct. 17, 2015 / 95 games)
Blocked Punt Return Touchdown:	Cullen Gillaspia, Texas A&M (Oct. 14, 2017 / 69 games)
Fake Punt Touchdown:	Josh Jacobs, Alabama (Dec. 3, 2016 / 76 games)
Missed a PAT:	<b>Dakereon Joyner (48 yards), South Carolina (Nov. 12, 2022 / 2 games)</b>
Blocked a PAT:	Matt Ruffolo, Kentucky (Oct. 2, 2021 / 20 games)
Blocked PAT Return for Extra Point:	Neil Farrell Jr., LSU (Oct. 16, 2021 / 18 games)
Tackled Florida for a Safety:	Victor Hampston, South Carolina (Oct. 20, 2012 / 132 games) Chris Leak vs. South Carolina (Nov. 15, 2003 / 245 games)



## 2022 STATISTICAL RANKINGS



FBS	SEC	Value	Category	FBS	PAC-12	Value
<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>441.2</b>	Total Offense	59	7	399.6
t-43	7	31.8	Scoring Offense	<b>37</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32.4</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>213.7</b>	Rushing Offense	27	4	199.2
<b>69</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>227.5</b>	Passing Offense	103	11	200.4
73	10	132.77	Passing Efficiency	<b>56</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>138.35</b>
<b>t-68</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2.00 (18-9)</b>	Touchdown-Interception Ratio	112	11	1.15 (15-13)
103	12	415.8	Total Defense	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>342.2</b>
t-90	t-11	28.8	Scoring Defense	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21.4</b>
101	11	176.2	Rushing Defense	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>138.0</b>
86	11	239.7	Passing Defense	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>155.4</b>
87	11	134.97	Passing Efficiency Defense	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>114.0</b>
<b>t-16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>+8</b>	Turnover Margin	t-77	8	-1
<b>t-10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	Takeaways	t-62	t-6	17
t-71	t-6	9	Interceptions	<b>t-29</b>	<b>t-3</b>	<b>12</b>
t-15	2	13 (1.08)	Sacks Allowed (per game)	<b>t-11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12 (1.0)</b>
72	9	84.0%	Opponent Red Zone %	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67.5%</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43.52</b>	Net Punt Average	28	1	40.49
53	9	8.73	Punt Return Average	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17.12</b>
36	4	21.52	Kickoff Return Average	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22.89</b>
<b>t-97</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21 (1.75)</b>	Sacks (per game)	t-122	t-9	16 (1.33)
<b>t-71</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>67 (5.6)</b>	Tackles for Loss (per game)	t-98	6	60 (5.0)

### SPECIAL TEAMS

- **K Adam Mihalek's** three 50-yard field goals are tied for the most in a single season by a UF kicker (fifth to do so).
  - » He is one of eight kickers in the FBS with three 50-yard field goals this season.
  - » His 53-yard field goal vs. Georgia was Florida's longest since Evan McPherson drilled a 53-yarder on Oct. 10, 2020 vs. Texas A&M (tied for fifth-longest in the SEC during the 2022 season).
- **P Jeremy Crawshaw** is averaging 46.8 yards per punt in 31 attempts this season with nine 50-plus yard punts and a season long of 67 yards vs. South Carolina.
  - » Florida is fourth in the nation in net punting with an average of 43.5 yards.
  - » In Crawshaw's 85 career punts, 30 have gone for 50-plus, 35 inside the opposing-20 for an average of 45.2 yards per punt.

### CROSSING PATHS

- **UF HC Billy Napier** and **OSU HC Jonathan Smith** coached against each other in 2017, when the two each held the same position of OC / QB Coach at Arizona State and Washington, respectively. Napier's ASU squad topped the Huskies in that Oct. 14 matchup, 13-7.
- Outside linebacker **Andrew Chatfield Jr.** was a member of the Orange & Blue from 2018-21 and played in 23 games, where he posted 19 tackles, five tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and one pass breakup.
- While the Gators have zero players from the state of Oregon on the roster, the Beavers have five from the state of Florida: outside linebacker **Andrew Chatfield Jr.** (Plantation, Fla.), wide receiver **John Dunmore** (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), running back **Deshaun Fenwick** (Bradenton, Fla.), inside linebacker **Melvin Jordan IV** (St. Petersburg, Fla.) and defensive back **Noble Thomas** (Orange, Fla.).

### Gators in the Weekly FBS Rankings

After Week	Opp.	Total	Offense Rush	Pass	Total	Defense Rush	Pass
1	Utah	t-47	14	104	t-98	116	69
2	Kentucky	92	31	118	71	87	59
3	USF	t-97	32	121	77	113	26
4	at Tennessee	68	34	89	106	117	65
5	Eastern Wash.	27	22	57	108	t-113	69
6	Missouri	49	19	92	99	t-110	63
7	LSU	53	19	t-91	106	111	87
8	BYE	43	16	t-92	t-108	108	90
9	vs. Georgia	47	27	86	117	116	95
10	at Texas A&M	41	20	85	114	110	100
11	South Carolina	31	11	91	105	95	95
12	at Vanderbilt	33	15	67	98	92	86
13	at Florida State	31	16	t-68	102	100	89

Gators in 2021	15	23	46	51	85	25
Gators in 2020	<b>9</b>	96	<b>1</b>	83	71	100
Gators in 2019	45	107	16	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	32
Gators in 2018	42	27	83	28	65	13
Gators in 2017	110	75	102	31	50	28
Gators in 2016	116	113	79	<b>5</b>	37	<b>2</b>
Gators in 2015	112	113	t-86	<b>8</b>	25	13
Gators in 2014	96	43	106	15	13	42
Gators in 2013	115	88	109	<b>8</b>	33	<b>7</b>
Gators in 2012	104	39	118	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	16
Gators in 2011	105	73	89	<b>8</b>	40	<b>t-6</b>
Gators in 2010	83	44	t-88	<b>9</b>	31	12
Gators in 2009	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	41	<b>4</b>	12	<b>2</b>
Gators in 2008	15	<b>10</b>	61	<b>9</b>	15	20
Gators in 2007	14	24	38	42	<b>10</b>	t-98
Gators in 2006	19	38	28	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	33

### 2022 TEAM LEADERS



#### Passing Yards (TDs / INTs)

Anthony Richardson .. 2549 (17-9) | Ben Gulbranson ..... 1290 (8-5)

#### Attempts-Rushing Yards (TDs)

Montrell Johnson Jr. . 144-827 (10) | Damien Martinez ..... 158-970 (7)  
 Trevor Etienne ..... 110-705 (6) | Jam Griffin ..... 84-486 (3)  
 Anthony Richardson . 103-654 (9) | Deshaun Fenwick ..... 93-446 (7)

#### Receptions-Receiving Yards (TDs)

Ricky Pearsall ..... 29-596 (5) | Tre'Shaun Harrison .... 52-604 (4)  
 Justin Shorter ..... 29-577 (2) | Anthony Gould ..... 27-457 (3)  
 Xzavier Henderson ..... 38-410 (2) | Tyjon Lindsey ..... 28-310 (1)

#### Interceptions (Return Yards / TDs)

Jaydon Hill ..... 2 (54/1) | Ryan Cooper Jr. .... 3 (0/0)  
 Amari Burney ..... 2 (0/0) | Jaydon Grant ..... 3 (0/0)

#### Total Tackles (Solo-Assisted)

Trey Dean III ..... 77 (44-33) | Omar Speights ..... 77 (38-39)  
 Rashad Torrence II ..... 76 (46-30) | Kitan Oladapo ..... 75 (46-29)  
 Ventrell Miller ..... 74 (34-40) | Kyrei Fisher-Morris ..... 66 (32-34)

#### Tackles for Loss-Yards (Sacks-Yards)

Amari Burney ..... 9.0-36 (4.0-24) | James Rawls ..... 9.0-30 (1.5-17)  
 Princely Umanmielen ..8.5-49 (3.5-34) | Omar Speights ..... 6.0-16 (0-0)



## RANKINGS / STANDINGS

## Associated Press Top 25 Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	Georgia (62)	13-0	1
2.	Michigan (1)	13-0	2
3.	TCU	12-1	3
4.	Ohio State	11-1	5
5.	Alabama	10-2	6
6.	Tennessee	10-2	7
7.	Utah	10-3	12
8.	USC	11-2	4
9.	Penn State	10-2	8
10.	Clemson	11-2	10
11.	Kansas State	10-3	13
12.	Washington	10-2	9
13.	Florida State	9-3	14
14.	Tulane	11-2	18
15.	Oregon	9-3	15
16.	LSU	9-4	11
17.	Oregon State	9-3	16
18.	UCLA	9-3	17
19.	Notre Dame	8-4	19
20.	South Carolina	8-4	20
21.	Texas	8-4	21
22.	UTSA	11-2	23
23.	Troy	11-2	NR
24.	Mississippi State	8-4	25
25.	NC State	8-4	NR

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## USA Today / AFCA Coaches Poll

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	Georgia (59)	13-0	1
2.	Michigan (2)	13-0	2
3.	Ohio State	11-1	5
4.	TCU	12-1	3
5.	Alabama	10-2	6
6.	Tennessee	10-2	8
7.	Penn State	10-2	7
8.	USC	11-2	4
9.	Kansas State	10-3	10
10.	Utah	10-3	12
11.	Clemson	11-2	11
12.	Washington	10-2	9
13.	Florida State	9-3	14
14.	Oregon	9-3	15
15.	LSU	9-4	13
16.	Oregon State	9-3	16
17.	Tulane	11-2	18
18.	UCLA	9-3	19
19.	South Carolina	8-4	20
20.	Notre Dame	8-4	19
21.	Texas	8-4	21
22.	UTSA	11-2	24
23.	Mississippi State	8-4	25
24.	Troy	11-2	NR
25.	North Carolina	9-4	22

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## 2022 College Football Playoff

Rank	Team	Record	Last
1.	Georgia	13-0	1
2.	Michigan	13-0	2
3.	TCU	12-1	3
4.	Ohio State	11-1	5
5.	Alabama	10-2	6
6.	Tennessee	10-2	7
7.	Clemson	11-2	9
8.	Utah	10-3	11
9.	Kansas State	10-3	10
10.	USC	11-2	4
11.	Penn State	10-2	8
12.	Washington	10-2	12
13.	Florida State	9-3	13
14.	Oregon State	9-3	15
15.	Oregon	9-3	16
16.	Tulane	11-2	18
17.	LSU	9-4	14
18.	UCLA	9-3	17
19.	South Carolina	8-4	19
20.	Texas	8-4	20
21.	Notre Dame	8-4	21
22.	Mississippi State	8-4	24
23.	NC State	8-4	25
24.	Troy	11-2	NR
25.	UTSA	11-2	NR

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## 2022 SEC Standings

## Eastern Division

	Conf. Games		Overall	
Georgia	8-0	1.000	13-0	1.000
Tennessee	6-2	.750	10-2	.833
South Carolina	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Kentucky	3-5	.375	7-5	.583
<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>.500</b>
Missouri	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Vanderbilt	2-6	.250	5-7	.417

## Western Division

	Conf. Games		Overall	
LSU	6-2	.750	9-4	.692
Alabama	6-2	.750	10-2	.833
Mississippi State	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Ole Miss	4-4	.500	8-4	.667
Arkansas	3-5	.375	6-6	.500
Auburn	2-6	.250	5-7	.417
Texas A&M	2-6	.250	5-7	.417

## 2022 SEC Championship Game

Georgia 50, LSU 30

December 3rd - Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Atlanta, Georgia



## TRACKING 2022 OPPONENTS

### Utah (10-3)

9/3	at Florida	L, 26-29
9/10	Southern Utah	W, 73-7
9/17	San Diego State	W, 35-7
9/24	at Arizona State	W, 34-7
10/1	Oregon State	W, 42-16
10/8	at UCLA	L, 32-42
10/15	USC	W, 43-32
10/22	BYE	
10/27	at Washington State	W, 21-17
11/5	Arizona	W, 45-20
11/12	Stanford	W, 42-7
11/19	at Oregon	L, 17-20
11/26	at Colorado	W, 63-21
12/2	USC	W, 47-24

### Kentucky (7-5)

9/3	Miami (OH)	W, 37-13
9/10	at Florida	W, 26-16
9/17	Youngstown State	W, 31-0
9/24	Northern Illinois	W, 31-23
10/1	at Ole Miss	L, 19-22
10/8	South Carolina	L, 14-24
10/15	at Mississippi State	W, 27-17
10/22	BYE	
10/29	at Tennessee	L, 6-44
11/5	at Missouri	W, 21-17
11/12	at Vanderbilt	L, 21-24
11/19	Georgia	L, 6-16
11/26	Louisville	W, 26-13

### South Florida (1-11)

9/3	BYU	L, 21-50
9/10	Howard	W, 42-20
9/17	at Florida	L, 28-31
9/24	at Louisville	L, 3-41
10/1	East Carolina	L, 28-48
10/8	at Cincinnati	L, 24-28
10/15	Tulane	L, 31-45
10/22	BYE	
10/29	at Houston	L, 27-42
11/5	at Temple	L, 23-41
11/12	SMU	L, 23-41
11/18	at Tulsa	L, 42-48
11/25	Central Florida	L, 39-46

### Tennessee (10-2)

9/1	Ball State	W, 59-10
9/10	at Pittsburgh	W, 34-27 (OT)
9/17	Akron	W, 63-6
9/24	at Florida	W, 38-33
10/1	BYE	
10/8	at LSU	W, 40-13
10/15	Alabama	W, 52-49
10/22	UT-Martin	W, 65-24
10/29	Kentucky	W, 44-6
11/5	at Georgia	L, 13-27
11/12	Missouri	W, 66-24
11/19	at South Carolina	L, 38-63
11/26	at Vanderbilt	W, 56-0

### Eastern Washington (3-8)

9/3	Tennessee State	W, 36-29
9/10	at Oregon	L, 14-70
9/17	BYE	
9/24	Montana State	L, 35-38
10/1	at Florida	L, 17-52
10/8	at Weber State	L, 21-45
10/15	Sacramento State	L, 28-52
10/22	at Cal Poly	W, 17-10
10/29	Portland State	L, 35-38
11/5	at Idaho	L, 16-48
11/12	at Montana	L, 7-63
11/19	Northern Colorado	W, 45-21

### Missouri (6-6)

9/3	Louisiana Tech	W, 52-24
9/10	at Kansas State	L, 12-40
9/17	Abilene Christian	W, 34-17
9/24	at Auburn	L, 14-17 (OT)
10/1	Georgia	L, 22-26
10/8	at Florida	L, 17-24
10/15	BYE	
10/22	Vanderbilt	W, 17-14
10/29	at South Carolina	W, 23-10
11/5	Kentucky	L, 24-66
11/12	at Tennessee	L, 24-66
11/19	New Mexico State	W, 45-14
11/25	Arkansas	W, 29-27

### LSU (9-4)

9/4	vs. Florida State	L, 23-24
9/10	Southern	W, 65-17
9/17	Mississippi State	W, 31-16
9/24	New Mexico	W, 31-0
10/1	at Auburn	W, 21-17
10/8	Tennessee	L, 13-40
10/15	at Florida	W, 45-35
10/22	Ole Miss	W, 45-20
10/29	BYE	
11/5	Alabama	W, 32-31 (OT)
11/12	at Arkansas	W, 13-10
11/19	UAB	W, 41-10
11/26	at Texas A&M	W, 45-20
12/3	Georgia	L, 30-50

### Georgia (13-0)

9/3	vs. Oregon	W, 49-3
9/10	Samford	W, 33-0
9/17	at South Carolina	W, 48-7
9/24	Kent State	W, 39-22
10/1	at Missouri	W, 26-22
10/8	Auburn	W, 42-10
10/15	Vanderbilt	W, 55-0
10/22	BYE	
10/29	vs. Florida	W, 42-20
11/5	Tennessee	W, 27-13
11/12	at Mississippi State	W, 45-19
11/19	at Kentucky	W, 16-6
11/26	Georgia Tech	W, 37-14
12/3	LSU	W, 50-30

### Texas A&M (5-7)

9/3	Sam Houston	W, 31-0
9/10	Appalachian State	L, 14-17
9/17	Miami	W, 17-9
9/24	vs. Arkansas	W, 23-21
10/1	at Mississippi State	L, 24-42
10/8	at Alabama	L, 20-24
10/15	BYE	
10/22	at South Carolina	L, 24-30
10/29	Ole Miss	L, 28-31
11/5	Florida	L, 24-41
11/12	at Auburn	L, 10-13
11/19	UMass	W, 20-3
11/26	LSU	W, 38-23

### South Carolina (8-4)

9/3	Georgia State	W, 35-14
9/10	at Arkansas	L, 30-44
9/17	Georgia	L, 7-48
9/24	Charlotte	W, 56-20
10/1	South Carolina State	W, 50-10
10/8	at Kentucky	W, 24-14
10/15	BYE	
10/22	Texas A&M	W, 30-24
10/29	Missouri	L, 10-23
11/5	at Vanderbilt	W, 38-27
11/12	at Florida	L, 6-38
11/19	Tennessee	W, 63-38
11/26	at Clemson	W, 31-30

### Vanderbilt (5-7)

8/27	at Hawaii	W, 63-10
9/3	Elon	W, 42-31
9/10	Wake Forest	L, 25-45
9/17	at Northern Illinois	W, 38-28
9/24	at Alabama	L, 3-55
10/1	BYE	
10/8	Ole Miss	L, 28-52
10/15	at Georgia	L, 0-55
10/22	at Missouri	L, 14-17
10/29	BYE	
11/5	South Carolina	L, 27-38
11/12	at Kentucky	W, 24-21
11/19	Florida	W, 31-24
11/26	Tennessee	L, 0-56

### Florida State (9-3)

8/27	Duquesne	W, 47-7
9/4	vs. LSU	W, 24-23
9/10	BYE	
9/16	at Louisville	W, 35-31
9/24	Boston College	W, 44-14
10/1	Wake Forest	L, 21-31
10/8	at NC State	L, 17-19
10/15	Clemson	L, 28-34
10/22	BYE	
10/29	Georgia Tech	W, 41-16
11/5	at Miami	W, 45-3
11/12	at Syracuse	W, 38-3
11/19	Louisiana	W, 49-17
11/25	Florida	W, 45-38



## NFL GATORS #GatorMade

Name (Year)	Position	Team
Max Garcia (8th)	OL	Arizona Cardinals
D.J. Humphries (8th)	OL	Arizona Cardinals
Marco Wilson (2nd)	CB	Arizona Cardinals
Kyle Pitts (2nd)	TE	Atlanta Falcons
Jonotthan Harrison (7th)	OL	Atlanta Falcons
*Jeremiah Moon (R)	LB	Baltimore Ravens
Demarcus Robinson (7th)	WR	Baltimore Ravens
*David Sharpe (6th)	OL	Baltimore Ravens
Kairi Elam (R)	CB	Buffalo Bills
CJ Henderson (3rd)	CB	Carolina Panthers
Eddy Pineiro Jr. (4th)	K	Carolina Panthers
Zach Carter (R)	DT	Cincinnati Bengals
Evan McPherson (2nd)	DT	Cincinnati Bengals
Taven Bryan (5th)	DT	Cleveland Browns
*Malik Davis (R)	RB	Dallas Cowboys
Dante Fowler Jr. (8th)	DE	Dallas Cowboys
*Antonio Callaway (3rd)	WR	Dallas Cowboys
*Tyrie Cleveland (3rd)	WR	Denver Broncos
Alex Anzalone (6th)	LB	Detroit Lions
*Jarrad Davis (6th)	LB	Detroit Lions
T.J. Slaton (3rd)	DL	Green Bay Packers
Jonathan Greenard (3rd)	LB	Houston Texans
Dameon Pierce (R)	RB	Houston Texans
Jawaan Taylor (4th)	OT	Jacksonville Jaguars
Carlos Dunlap (13th)	DE/OLB	Kansas City Chiefs
Kadarius Toney (2nd)	WR	Kansas City Chiefs
Tommy Townsend (3rd)	P	Kansas City Chiefs
Van Jefferson (3rd)	WR	Los Angeles Rams
Brandon Powell (5th)	WR	Los Angeles Rams
*Freddie Swain (3rd)	WR	Miami Dolphins
*La'Mical Perine (3rd)	RB	Miami Dolphins
Jonathan Bullard (7th)	DL	Minnesota Vikings
Trent Brown (8th)	OT	New England Patriots
Marcus Maye (7th)	S	New Orleans Saints
*Jabari Zuniga (2nd)	DE	New Orleans Saints
Marcell Harris (5th)	LB	New York Jets
CJ Gardner-Johnson (4th)	S	Philadelphia Eagles
*Fred Johnson (4th)	OT	Philadelphia Eagles
*Quincy Wilson (6th)	CB	Pittsburgh Steelers
*Duke Dawson (4th)	DB	Pittsburgh Steelers
Stone Forsythe (2nd)	OL	Seattle Seahawks
Teez Tabor (4th)	S	Seattle Seahawks
Keanu Neal (7th)	S	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Kyle Trask (2nd)	QB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Jon Bostic (10th)	LB	Washington Commanders

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45 Gators were on NFL 53-man rosters and practice squads as of Nov. 27, 2022. \*denotes practice squad player

2022 Record: 85-61 (.587) | 2021 Record: 87-68 (.561)

## 2022 AWARDS TRACKER

### S Trey Dean

Preseason Watch List: AFCA Good Works Team  
Preseason Third Team All-SEC  
Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

### DL Gervon Dexter Sr.

Preseason Watch List: Outland Trophy  
Preseason Second Team All-SEC

### C Kingsley Eguakun

Preseason Watch List: Rimington Trophy

### RB Trevor Etienne

SEC Freshman of the Week (11/14/22)

### G Richard Gougaie

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

### CB Jaydon Hill

SEC Defensive Player of the Week (10/10/22)  
Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

### LB Ventrell Miller

Preseason Watch List: Butkus Award  
Preseason Third Team All-SEC  
Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List  
Comeback Player of the Year Watch List  
Comeback Player of the Year Semifinalist

### QB Anthony Richardson

Preseason Watch Lists: Maxwell Award, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Wuerffel Trophy  
SEC Offensive Player of the Week (9/5/22)  
Manning Award Starts of the Week (9/6/22)  
Davey O'Brien QB of the Week (9/7/22)

### WR Justin Shorter

Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

### S Rashad Torrence III

Preseason Watch List: Lott IMPACT Trophy

### G O'Cyrus Torrence

Preseason Watch Lists: Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award  
Preseason First Team All-SEC  
Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List  
Lombardi Award Midseason Watch List  
Lombardi Award Semifinalist  
SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (11/7/22)  
Co-SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week (11/14/22)  
First Team All-SEC  
Walter Camp First Team All-American

### RB Nay'Quan Wright

Preseason Watch List: Doak Walker Award



**OFFENSE CAREER HIGHS**
**#0 JA'QUAVION FRAZIARS**

Receptions: 4 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 50 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (3x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 19 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

**#1 RICKY PEARSALL**

Receptions: 9 (Washington St., 2021)  
 Receiving Yards: 148 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 2 (3x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 65 (at UCLA, 2021)  
 Rushes: 3 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 76 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (3x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Pass Attempts: 1 (UCLA, 2020)  
 Pass Completions: 1 (UCLA, 2020)  
 Pass Yards: 52 (UCLA, 2020)  
 Passing TDs: 1 (Colorado, 2021)  
 Long Pass: 51 (UCLA, 2020)  
 Punt Returns: 2 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Punt Return Yards: 17 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Punt Return Long: 11 (at Florida State, 2022)

**#2 MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.**

Rushes: 24 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 161 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 4 (Ohio, 2021)  
 Long Rush: 99 (at Arkansas St. 2021)  
 Receptions: 2 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 20 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 18 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Pass Attempts: 1 (LSU, 2022)

**#3 XZAVIER HENDERSON**

Receptions: 7 (Samford, 2021)  
 Receiving Yards: 110 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 78 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (5x last vs. Georgia 2022)  
 Punt Returns: 3 (5x last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Punt Return Yards: 50 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
 Punt Return Long: 48 (Missouri, 2022)  
 Kick Returns: 3 (2x last at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Kick Return Yards: 49 (Utah, 2022)  
 Kick Return Long: 23 (at Tennessee, 2022)

**#4 JUSTIN SHORTER**

Receptions: 8 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 155 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 2 (at LSU, 2021)  
 Long Catch: 75 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Kick Returns: 2 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Kick Return Yards: 34 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Kick Return Long: 18 (Oklahoma, 2020)

**#5 NAY'QUAN WRIGHT**

Rushes: 10 (Utah, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 58 (Alabama, 2021)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (5x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 34 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
 Receptions: 5 (vs. Kentucky, 2020)  
 Receiving Yards: 71 (Georgia, 2020)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (Samford, 2021)  
 Long Catch: 51 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
 Kick Returns: 2 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Kick Return Yards: 40 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Kick Return Long: 25 (Oklahoma, 2020)

**#7 TREVOR ETIENNE**

Rushes: 17 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Rushing Yards: 129 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (6x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 85 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receptions: 3 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 26 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 26 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Kick Returns: 3 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Kick Return Yards: 100 (LSU, 2022)  
 Kick Return Long: 48 (at Florida State, 2022)

**#8 DAEJON REYNOLDS**

Receptions: 8 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 165 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 74 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)

**#9 KEON ZIPPERER**

Receptions: 4 (2x last vs. Alabama, 2021)  
 Receiving Yards: 62 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 2 (Arkansas, 2020)  
 Long Catch: 44 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Kick Returns: 2 (South Carolina, 2020)  
 Kick Return Yards: 21 (South Carolina, 2020)  
 Kick Return Long: 13 (South Carolina, 2020)

**#10 JACK MILLER III**

Pass Attempts: 8 (Akron, 2021)  
 Pass Completions: 5 (Akron, 2021)  
 Pass Yards: 66 (Akron, 2021)  
 Pass TDs: N/A  
 Long Pass: 25 (Akron, 2021)

Rushes: 3 (at Rutgers, 2021)  
 Rush Yards: 23 (Nebraska, 2020)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (Nebraska, 2020)  
 Long Rush: 21 (Nebraska, 2020)

**#12 CALEB DOUGLAS**

Receptions: 3 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 62 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 62 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#15 ANTHONY RICHARDSON**

Pass Attempts: 44 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Pass Completions: 25 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Pass Yards: 453 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Pass TDs: 3 (3x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Pass: 78 (Georgia, 2022)

Rushes: 17 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 160 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
 Rushing TDs: 3 (Utah, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 81 (LSU, 2022)

**#16 THAI CHIAOKHIAO-BOWMAN**

Receptions: 3 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 57 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 34 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)

**#18 DANTE ZANDERS**

Receptions: 2 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 18 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 12 (Missouri, 2022)

**#21 LORENZO LINGARD**

Rushes: 5 (USF, 2021)  
 Rush Yards: 21 (USF, 2021)  
 Long Rush: 13 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Receptions: 1 (3x last vs. LSU, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 15 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 15 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#22 KAHLEIL JACKSON**

Receptions: 1 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 23 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 23 (South Carolina, 2022)

**#38 CARLSON JOSEPH**

Rushes: 2 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 5 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 4 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#45 EDDIE BATTLE**

Rushes: 7 (at Eastern Illinois, 2021)  
 Rush Yards: 48 (at Tennessee State, 2021)  
 Long Rush: 26 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#82 JA'MARKIS WESTON**

Receptions: 3 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
 Receiving Yards: 44 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (Samford, 2021)  
 Long Catch: 36 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
 Kick Returns: 2 (2x last vs. Utah, 2022)  
 Kick Return Yards: 32 (Utah, 2022)  
 Kick Return Long: 20 (Utah, 2022)

**#86 JORDAN POUNCEY**

Receptions: 1 (5x, last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 27 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
 Long Catch: 27 (Oklahoma, 2020)

**#87 JONATHAN ODOM**

Receptions: 3 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 39 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 21 (at Florida State, 2022)

**#88 MARCUS BURKE**

Receptions: 2 (at South Carolina, 2021)  
 Receiving Yards: 73 (at South Carolina, 2021)  
 Long Catch: 61 (at South Carolina, 2021)

**#99 LLOYD SUMMERALL III**

Kick Returns: 1 (Samford, 2021)  
 Kick Return Yards: 20 (Samford, 2021)  
 Kick Return Long: 20 (Samford, 2021)



## DEFENSE CAREER HIGHS

### #0 TREY DEAN III

Tackles: 12 (Utah, 2022)  
Forced Fumble: 1 (vs. Miami, 2019)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (3x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (2x last vs. Georgia, 2021)  
Interceptions: 1 (4x, last vs. Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Interception Return Yards: 44 (at Florida State, 2018)  
Interception Return Long: 44 (at Florida State, 2018)

### #2 AMARI BURNEY

Tackles: 10 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Sacks: 2.0 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x last vs. Georgia, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (4x, last vs. Georgia, 2022)

### #3 JASON MARSHALL JR.

Tackles: 6 (Georgia, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 0 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 0 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)

### #4 DAVID REESE

Tackles: 2 (3x, last vs Ole Miss, 2020)

### #5 KAMARI WILSON

Tackles: 8 (at FSU, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #6 SHEMAR JAMES

Tackles: 8 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (2x last at FSU, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last at FSU, 2022)

### #7 CHRIS McCLELLAN

Tackles: 4 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (Missouri, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #8 JALEN KIMBER

Tackles: 3 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 39 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 39 (South Florida, 2022)

### #9 GERVON DEXTER

Tackles: 9 (2x last vs. UCF, 2021)  
Interceptions: 1 (2x last vs Kentucky, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (2x last vs. Missouri, 2022)

### #10 MIGUEL MITCHELL

Tackles: 4 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #11 JORDAN YOUNG

Tackles: 2, (South Florida, 2022)

### #12 JUSTUS BOONE

Tackles: 4, (2x last vs. LSU, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (Kentucky, 2022)

### #13 DONOVAN MCMILLON

Tackles: 5 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #14 CHIEF BORDERS

Tackles: 3 (3x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)

### #15 DEREK WINGO

Tackles: 6 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #16 TRE'VEZ JOHNSON

Tackles: 5 (2x last vs. Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
Sacks: 1 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last at FSU, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (3x last vs. South Florida, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 26 (at Kentucky, 2021)  
Interception Return Long: 26 (at Kentucky, 2021)

### #17 SCOOPY WILLIAMS

Tackles: 4 (South Florida, 2022)

### #18 DANTE ZANDERS

Tackles: 4 (USF, 2021)  
Sacks: 0.5 (Florida Atlantic, 2021)

### #20 COREY COLLIER JR.

Tackles: 1 (2x last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (Missouri, 2021)

### #21 DESMOND WATSON

Tackles: 5 (at FSU, 2022)  
Sacks: 0.5 (South Florida, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #22 RASHAD TORRENCE II

Tackles: 15 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Interceptions: 2 (Georgia, 2021)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 1 (Georgia, 2021)  
Interception Return Long: 3 (Georgia, 2021)

### #23 JAYDON HILL

Tackles: 6 (LSU, 2022)  
Interceptions: 2 (Missouri, 2022)  
Sacks: 0.5 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 54 (Missouri, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 49 (Missouri 2022)

### #24 AVERY HELM

Tackles: 5 (Vanderbilt, 2021)

### #25 ETHAN POUNCEY

Tackles: 2 (3x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)

### #27 JADARRIUS PERKINS

Tackles: 7 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Coahoma Community College, 2019)  
Interceptions: 1 (Georgia, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 0 (Georgia, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 0 (Georgia, 2022)

### #28 DEVIN MOORE

Tackles: 2 (Kentucky, 2022)

### #33 PRINCELY UMANMIELEN

Tackles: 6 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (5x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

### #44 JACK PYBURN

Tackles: 1 (2x last vs. Missouri, 2022)

### #51 VENTRELL MILLER

Tackles: 16 (LSU, 2020)  
Sacks: 2.0 (vs. Miami, 2019)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (Idaho, 2018)  
Interception Return Yards: 82 (Idaho, 2018)

### #52 ANTWAUN POWELL-RYLAND JR.

Tackles: 6 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.5 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (3x last at FSU, 2022)

### #66 JAEIN HUMPHRIES

Tackles: 1 (2x last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #90 CHRIS THOMAS JR.

Tackles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #92 JALEN LEE

Tackles: 4 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (Missouri, 2020)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (Missouri, 2020)

### #94 TYREAK SAPP

Tackles: 3 (2x last vs Kentucky, 2022)

### #95 JAMARI LYONS

Tackles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #99 LLOYD SUMMERALL III

Tackles: 3 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Sacks: 1 (Oklahoma, 2020)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

## SPECIAL TEAMS CAREER HIGHS

### #26 JEREMY CRAWSHAW

Punts: 8 (Missouri, 2021)  
Punt Yards: 309 (Missouri, 2021)  
Punt Average: 56.0 (LSU, 2022)  
Punt Long: 69 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Rushes: 1 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
Rush Yards: 28 (Vanderbilt, 2021)  
Long Rush: 28 (Vanderbilt, 2021)

### #49 ADAM MIHALEK

Field Goal Attempts: 3 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
Field Goals Made: 2 (4x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Field Goal Long: 52 (Georgia, 2022)  
Kickoffs: 7 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Kickoff Yards: 432 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Kickoff Average: 64.5 (Kentucky, 2022)

### #29 TREY SMACK

Kickoffs: 9 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Kickoff Yards: 578 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Kickoff Average: 65.0 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)



## OFFENSE SEASON HIGHS

**#0 Ja'Quavion Fraziers**

Receptions: 4 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 50 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (3x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 19 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

**#1 RICKY PEARSALL**

Receptions: 5 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 148 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 2 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 52 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Rushes: 3 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 76 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Punt Returns: 2 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Punt Return Yards: 17 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Punt Return Long: 13 (at Florida State, 2022)

**#2 MONTRELL JOHNSON JR.**

Rushes: 24 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 161 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 2 (LSU, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 62 (USF, 2022)  
 Receptions: 2 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 20 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 18 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Pass Attempts: 1 (LSU, 2022)

**#3 XZAVIER HENDERSON**

Receptions: 6 (2x, last vs Kentucky, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 110 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 78 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (2x, last vs. Georgia, 2022)  
 Punt Returns: 3 (5x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Punt Return Yards: 23 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Punt Return Long: 15 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Kick Returns: 3 (2x, last at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Kick Return Yards: 49 (Utah, 2022)  
 Kick Return Long: 23 (at Tennessee, 2022)

**#4 JUSTIN SHORTER**

Receptions: 8 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 155 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (2x, last vs. LSU, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 75 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#5 NAY'QUAN WRIGHT**

Rushes: 10 (Utah, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 39 (Utah, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (2x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 14 (Utah, 2022)  
 Receptions: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 14 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: N/A  
 Long Catch: 14 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#7 TREVOR ETIENNE**

Rushes: 17 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Rushing Yards: 129 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 1 (6x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 85 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receptions: 3 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 26 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 26 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Kick Returns: 3 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Kick Return Yards: 100 (LSU, 2022)  
 Kick Return Long: 48 (at Florida State, 2022)

**#8 DAEJON REYNOLDS**

Receptions: 8 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 165 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 74 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)

**#9 KEON ZIPPERER**

Receptions: 3 (2x, last at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 62 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 44 (at Tennessee, 2022)

**#12 CALEB DOUGLAS**

Receptions: 3 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 62 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 62 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#15 ANTHONY RICHARDSON**

Pass Attempts: 44 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Pass Completions: 25 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Pass Yards: 453 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Pass TDs: 3 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Pass: 78 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Rushes: 17 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 106 (Utah, 2022)  
 Rushing TDs: 3 (Utah, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 81 (LSU, 2022)

**#16 THAI CHIAOKHIAO-BOWMAN**

Receptions: 3 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 57 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 34 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)

**#18 DANTE ZANDERS**

Receptions: 2 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 18 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 12 (Missouri, 2022)

**#21 LORENZO LINGARD**

Rushes: 5 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 45 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 20 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receptions: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 15 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 15 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#22 KAHLEIL JACKSON**

Receptions: 1 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 23 (South Carolina, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 23 (South Carolina, 2022)

**#38 CARLSON JOSEPH**

Rushes: 2 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 5 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 4 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#45 EDDIE BATTLE**

Rushes: 2 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Rush Yards: 32 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Long Rush: 26 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#82 JA'MARKIS WESTON**

Receptions: N/A  
 Kick Returns: 2 (Utah, 2022)  
 Kick Return Yards: 32 (Utah, 2022)  
 Kick Return Long: 22 (Kentucky, 2022)

**#86 JORDAN POUNCEY**

Receptions: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: -2 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: N/A  
 Long Catch: -2 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

**#87 JONATHAN ODOM**

Receptions: 3 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 39 (at Florida State, 2022)  
 Receiving TDs: 1 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 21 (at Florida State, 2022)

**#88 MARCUS BURKE**

Receptions: 1 (3x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
 Receiving Yards: 14 (Georgia, 2022)  
 Long Catch: 14 (Georgia, 2022)



## DEFENSE SEASON HIGHS

### #0 TREY DEAN III

Tackles: 12 (Utah, 2022)  
Sacks: 0.5 (vs. Kentucky, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last vs. South Carolina, 2022)  
Interceptions: N/A

### #2 AMARI BURNEY

Tackles: 10 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Sacks: 2.0 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x last vs. Georgia, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Texas A&M, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (2x last vs. Georgia, 2022)

### #3 JASON MARSHALL JR.

Tackles: 6 (Georgia, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 0 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 0 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)

### #4 DAVID REESE

Tackles: 1 (2x, last at Tennessee 2022)

### #5 KAMARI WILSON

Tackles: 8 (at Florida State, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #6 SHEMAR JAMES

Tackles: 8 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (at Florida State, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (USF, 2022)

### #7 CHRIS MCCLELLAN

Tackles: 4 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (Missouri, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #8 JALEN KIMBER

Tackles: 3 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 39 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 39 (South Florida, 2022)

### #9 GERVON DEXTER

Tackles: 8 (LSU, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (Kentucky, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (Missouri, 2022)

### #10 MIGUEL MITCHELL

Tackles: 4 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #11 JORDAN YOUNG

Tackles: 2 (South Florida, 2022)

### #12 JUSTUS BOONE

Tackles: 4 (2x, last vs. LSU, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (Kentucky, 2022)

### #13 DONOVAN MCMILLON

Tackles: 5 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #15 DEREK WINGO

Tackles: 6 (at Vanderbilt 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #16 TRE'VEZ JOHNSON

Tackles: 4 (Missouri, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (2x last at Florida State 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (South Florida, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: N/A

### #17 SCOOPY WILLIAMS

Tackles: 4 (South Florida, 2022)

### #20 COREY COLLIER JR.

Tackles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #21 DESMOND WATSON

Tackles: 5 (at Florida State, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #22 RASHAD TORRENCE II

Tackles: 13 (at Tennessee, 2022)  
Interceptions: N/A  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (South Carolina, 2022)

### #23 JAYDON HILL

Tackles: 6 (LSU, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Interceptions: 2 (Missouri, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 54 (Missouri, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 49 (Missouri 2022)

### #24 AVERY HELM

Tackles: 2 (3x, last vs. LSU, 2022)

### #27 JADARRIUS PERKINS

Tackles: 3 (Missouri, 2022)  
Interceptions: 1 (Georgia, 2022)  
Interception Return Yards: 0 (Georgia, 2022)  
Interception Return Long: 0 (Georgia, 2022)

### #28 DEVIN MOORE

Tackles: 2 (Kentucky, 2022)

### #33 PRINCELY UMANMIELEN

Tackles: 6 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)  
Sacks: 1.0 (3x, last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

### #44 JACK PYBURN

Tackles: 1 (2x, last vs. Missouri, 2022)

### #51 VENTRELL MILLER

Tackles: 11 (Missouri, 2022)  
Sacks: N/A  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (2x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Tennessee, 2022)

### #52 ANTWAUN POWELL-RYLAND JR.

Tackles: 6 (2x at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Sacks: 1 (3x last at Florida State, 2022)  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (3x last at Florida State, 2022)

### #66 JAELEN HUMPHRIES

Tackles: 1 (2x, last vs. Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #90 CHRIS THOMAS JR.

Tackles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #92 JALEN LEE

Tackles: 4 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #94 TYREAK SAPP

Tackles: 3 (3x last vs Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #95 JAMARI LYONS

Tackles: 1 (Eastern Washington, 2022)

### #99 LLOYD SUMMERALL III

Tackles: 2 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Sacks: N/A  
Fumble Recoveries: 1 (at Texas A&M, 2022)

## SPECIAL TEAMS SEASON HIGHS

### #26 JEREMY CRAWSHAW

Punts: 6 (Georgia, 2022)  
Punt Yards: 278 (Georgia, 2022)  
Punt Average: 58.0 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Punt Long: 67 (South Carolina, 2022)

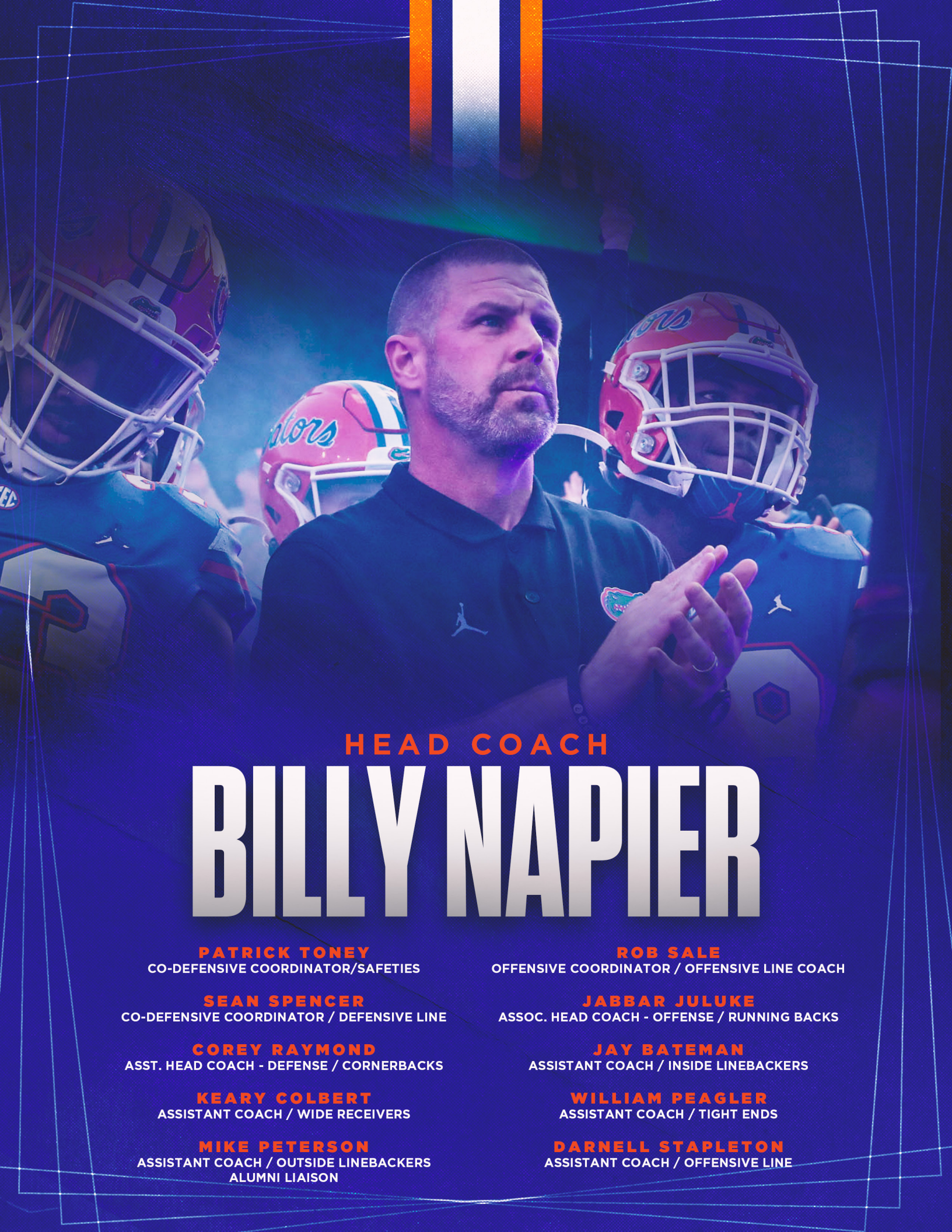
### #49 ADAM MIHALEK

Field Goal Attempts: 3 (2x last at Texas A&M, 2022)  
Field Goals Made: 2 (4x last at Vanderbilt, 2022)  
Field Goal Long: 52 (Georgia, 2022)  
Kickoffs: 7 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Kickoff Yards: 432 (South Carolina, 2022)  
Kickoff Average: 64.5 (Kentucky, 2022)

### #29 TREY SMACK

Kickoffs: 9 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Kickoff Yards: 578 (Eastern Washington, 2022)  
Kickoff Average: 65.0 (2x last at Florida State, 2022)



A photograph of Head Coach Billy Napier, a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark polo shirt with a Jordan brand logo. He is clapping his hands and looking upwards. In the background, several football players in red and white helmets are visible. The image has a blue and orange color scheme with geometric lines.

## HEAD COACH

# BILLY NAPIER

### **PATRICK TONEY**

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SAFETIES

### **SEAN SPENCER**

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / DEFENSIVE LINE

### **COREY RAYMOND**

ASST. HEAD COACH - DEFENSE / CORNERBACKS

### **KEARY COLBERT**

ASSISTANT COACH / WIDE RECEIVERS

### **MIKE PETERSON**

ASSISTANT COACH / OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS  
ALUMNI LIAISON

### **ROB SALE**

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

### **JABBAR JULUKE**

ASSOC. HEAD COACH - OFFENSE / RUNNING BACKS

### **JAY BATEMAN**

ASSISTANT COACH / INSIDE LINEBACKERS

### **WILLIAM PEAGLER**

ASSISTANT COACH / TIGHT ENDS

### **DARNELL STAPLETON**

ASSISTANT COACH / OFFENSIVE LINE



## HEAD COACH BILLY NAPIER

*Napier hired as the 28th head coach in Florida football history*

Following a late-morning flight from Louisiana and a police escort from the Gainesville Air Center, Billy Napier planted his feet on the University of Florida campus at 12:12 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5.

That's the time Napier stepped from a van that carried his wife, their three kids and his mother, and into a throng of cheering fans ready to welcome him to Gator Nation. Napier arrived to similar fanfare at the airport when he was met by the UF band and cheerleaders.

"Let's go Napier!" yelled a young man as soon as Napier appeared from behind the van's sliding door.

"We love you Napier family," another young man screamed.

Napier flashed a big grin, did a Gator Chomp and then wiggled his way through the crowd — stopping for a few selfies along the way — toward the Heavener Football Complex to begin a day full of first-day-on-the-job tasks, including an introductory press conference.

"Well, back to finals," one of the young men said as Napier passed.

Much like finals week for UF students, it's been whirlwind week for Napier since he was announced as Florida's head coach a week ago.

Napier concluded his four seasons as head coach at Louisiana Lafayette on Saturday, Dec. 4, with a 24-16 win over Appalachian State in the Sun Belt Conference Championship Game. He said he slept about six hours before packing up the family for the trip to Florida.

"We made a great memory there, so I slept a lot better after we took care of business," Napier said minutes after his first visit to the Gators' locker room. "It was a great week. I don't think we could have drawn up a better ending, just so happy for the players. Four years of work kind of culminated there at Cajun Field. To see them be rewarded was a pretty awesome experience."

Prior to Dec. 5, the 42-year-old Napier said the last time he touched down at UF was in 2011 as an offensive analyst for Alabama when the Crimson Tide rolled into town. While he took care of unfinished business at Louisiana and did not visit campus before accepting an offer from UF Athletic Director Scott Stricklin to take over the program, Napier has a past relationship with the Gators.

He can thank his late father, Bill Napier, for that.

The elder Napier was a longtime high school head coach in north Georgia and is the all-time winningest coach at Murray County High in Chatsworth, the same school Billy Napier played quarterback. Bill Napier started to root for the Gators in the early 1990s when Steve Spurrier was UF's head coach and found inspiration for his Murray County Indians from the Gators.

The memory brought a smile to Bill's son on Sunday. They used to watch Spurrier's Gators play on TV together when Billy was growing up. Bill Napier died in 2017 from Lou Gehrig's Disease.

"He was a big Spurrier, Gators fan," Billy said. "I grew up watching Danny Wuerfel, all the greats. It probably wouldn't be right for me to mention more and then miss a few. My dad actually was at the same school for 23 years. Eventually, he got the head coaching job and he changed the uniforms at the school to be exactly like Florida's."

"It's humbling. That's all I can say," he said. "I am just thankful. A lot of people contributed to me being here. This is certainly not about me. I just want everybody to know how humbled I am to have this opportunity to lead at the University of Florida. I look forward to taking great pride in representing this university, this community, all the people that came before me.

"I'm going to work and be relentless in our approach here. There's no question that we've got work to do and we look forward to the challenge."

Napier finished 40-12 at Louisiana and returns to the Southeastern Conference, where he spent a season as an Alabama offensive analyst in 2011 and then four seasons coaching receivers from 2013-16.

Napier's deep roots in the game include stints on both Clemson coach Dabo



**BILLY NAPIER** compiled a 40-12 record in four years as head coach at the University of Louisiana Lafayette.



Swinney's staff and five seasons overall under Nick Saban at Alabama. After multiple offers to leave Louisiana the past couple of seasons, Napier finally decided the time was right when the Gators called.

"I think it was time for the next challenge," he said. "I think it's a unique time at the University of Florida, relative to the investment the administration was willing to make. The great opportunity that we have moving into the new facility this summer, and the history and the tradition, the iconic players and coaches that have competed here. I think this is a unique place at a unique time and I'm looking forward to the challenge of leading here."





## BILLY NAPIER

HEAD COACH

Billy Napier enters his first season with the Gators after being named the 29th head coach in program history on Nov. 28, 2021

In a short period of time since his arrival in Gainesville, Napier made an unprecedented impact on the Gators Football program. Within the first 60 days, he built a top-notch football staff—both on and off the field—and signed a recruiting class that ranked among the top 20 in the nation.

### Louisiana (2018-21)

Napier spent four seasons at Louisiana-Lafayette and finished with a career record of 40-12, a perfect 16-0 mark against members of the Sun Belt West Division, four consecutive West Division titles, four straight bowl appearances, a share of the Sun Belt title in 2020 and 2021 Sun Belt Conference Champions.

A two-time Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year (2019 & 2021), Napier took the Ragin' Cajuns to unprecedented heights when the team broke into the national rankings in 2020 for the first time in the modern era. The team finished the campaign ranked No. 15 in the AP Top-25, No. 16 in the USA Today/Amway Coaches Poll and No. 19 in the College Football Playoff, Louisiana's highest rankings in all three polls.

In 2021, he led the program to their first conference championship title since 2005 and only the second time in program history. Napier concluded his final season with a 12-1 record, the most single-season wins in school history after setting it with 11 in his second year. The 12 straight wins also set the program record for consecutive victories, as the previous record was eight in 1976.

Napier led Louisiana to its fourth straight Sun Belt Conference Championship game with a 24-16 victory over Appalachian State to finish with a career record of 28-7 against conference opponents. Louisiana became the first team in conference history to make all four conference championship games.

Napier's Louisiana team produced two 2022 NFL Draft picks in safety Percy Butler and tackle Max Mitchell, who were both drafted in the fourth round by the Washington Commanders and the New York Jets, respectively.

The 2020 Louisiana Sports Writer Association Coach of the Year, Napier navigated Louisiana through a season heavily impacted by COVID-19 and claimed a share of the Sun Belt

Conference Championship, its third-straight West Division title and its second-straight bowl victory, a 31-24 win over UTSA in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. The Ragin' Cajuns also advanced to its third consecutive Sun Belt Championship game, but was canceled due to COVID-19.

Napier's team broke into the national rankings for the first time in the modern era following its week one upset at No. 23 Iowa State, marking the first win over a ranked opponent on the road and only the second time in program history. He concluded non-conference matchups at Louisiana with a record of 13-5, as three of the losses came against ranked opponents - No.1 Alabama, No. 16 Mississippi State and No. 19 Texas.

Both the offense and defense continued to flourish in 2020 under Napier's watch. Offensively, the team ranked 29th nationally in scoring offense (33.6) and 43rd nationally in total offense (421.5), while the defense ranked 31st in scoring defense (22.0) and 33rd in total defense (355.4).

Napier coached Louisiana to 14 Sun Belt All-Conference selections, led by First Team selections Elijah Mitchell and Chris Smith. Mitchell wrapped up his stellar career ranking fifth in career scoring (276), fifth in career rushing touchdowns (41) and sixth in career rushing yards (3,267) before being drafted in the sixth round by the San Francisco 49ers.

Smith additionally earned First Team All-America honors from CBSports/247Sports, Pro Football Focus and Second Team All-America honors from the FWAA, marking the second consecutive season that a Ragin' Cajun earned All-America honors under Napier.

In just the second season (2019) under Napier, the program set the all-time single season victories (11) at the time and second-straight trip to the Sun Belt Championship Game after clinching the league's West Division title with a 53-3 victory over Troy. The 11 victories also marked the first double-digit win season in program history and the first of three consecutive 10-plus win years by Napier. He was voted the program's first Sun Belt Coach of the Year, becoming the third Louisiana coach to earn the distinction of top coach and the first since 1993 in their respective conference.

Napier coached three 2020 NFL Draft picks in Raymond Calais (RB), Kevin Dotson (G) and Robert Hunt (G), tying the

program record for draft selections in a year. Hunt became the third-highest pick in team history as he was selected 39th overall by the Miami Dolphins. A First Team All-American selection by the Associated Press, USA Today, Sports Illustrated, Pro Football Focus and a Second Team All-American by Sporting News, Dotson was drafted in the fourth round by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Calais was tabbed by the reigning Super Bowl Champions, Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the seventh round.

In Napier's first season at the helm, the Ragin' Cajuns (7-7, 5-3) won the 2018 Sun Belt Conference West Division Championship, advancing to the inaugural conference championship game. Louisiana accepted an invitation to the AutoNation Cure Bowl, its first bowl trip since 2016.

### Arizona State (2017)

Prior to his stint at Louisiana, Napier was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arizona State in 2017.

Napier guided the Sun Devils' offense to the 14th highest-graded offense in the FBS according to Pro Football Focus - including the 10th highest-graded passing attack in the nation. ASU was ranked 54th in the nation in total offense last season and 86th in the passing game the season prior. The offensive turnaround (+40 positions) was the eighth-largest in the FBS and ASU was one of just three programs to move from outside the Top-50 to inside of it in just one season. The 76-spot swing in the passing game rankings was the third highest in all of the FBS.

ASU developed one of the elite red zone scoring teams in the nation under Napier, tied for first nationally in converting on 95.83 percent of its red zone appearances (46-of-48) with the only two "blemishes" against the Sun Devils coming when the team took a knee late in the fourth quarter. ASU was 11th nationally in red zone touchdown scoring rate with 36 touchdowns on those 48 attempts (75.00).

Ball security was another notable facet of Napier's offense. The Sun Devils turned the ball over just 11 times in 2017, which ranked 12th nationally after finishing 82nd in the country a year ago with 21 turnovers.

#### Alabama (2011, 2013-16)

Napier's first experience in the SEC came at Alabama in 2011 and he later returned to Crimson Tide from 2013-17 as the wide receivers coach.

He was instrumental in helping Nick Saban and Alabama achieve a 63-7 record in five seasons (2011, 2013-2016), two National Championships (2011 & 2015) and was part of the great run of 26 consecutive wins from 2015-2016. In 70 games at Alabama, the Crimson Tide offense averaged 6.27 yards per play and 36.4 points per game. Napier coached three first round draft picks in Amari Cooper, Jerry Jeudy, Amari Cooper and Calvin Ridley while in Tuscaloosa.

In 2016, Napier's wide receiver corps were led by junior ArDarius Stewart, a third-round pick by the New York Jets in 2017 and Ridley. Stewart snagged in a team-leading eight touchdowns and 864 yards while Ridley totaled a team-high 72 receptions. Napier also helped develop wide outs Gehrig Dieter (Kansas City) and Cam Sims (Wash-

ington), both who were NFL free agent signees.

After recruiting Ridley to sign with the Crimson Tide, Napier coached him to a freshman-record and team-leading 89 catches for 1,045 yards and seven touchdowns in 2015 along with being named a USA Today Freshman All-American.

Napier played a vital role in Cooper's historical campaign in the 2014 season. He became Alabama's first Biletnikoff Award winner and caught a school- and SEC-record 124 passes for a UA-record 1,727 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns. Cooper led the country in receptions (124), was second nationally in receiving yards (1,727), receiving touchdowns (16) and catches per game (8.9) while ranking third in yards per game (123.4). A Heisman Trophy finalist and unanimous first team All-American, Cooper smashed all of the Tide's career receiving marks with 228 receptions, 3,463 yards and tied the SEC record with 31 receiving touchdowns.

In his first season as the Crimson Tide's receivers coach in 2013, Napier built a deep and talented group of wide outs. Alabama had four players with at least 32 receptions, led by Cooper's 45 catches for 736 yards.

The 2011 season marked the first year for Napier

on the Alabama staff as he served as an offensive analyst, helping the Crimson Tide win the 2011 BCS national championship. The Tide ranked 16th in scoring offense, 30th in total offense and 17th in rushing offense in 2011.

#### Colorado State (2012)

After a year at Alabama, Napier served as the assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach at Colorado State in 2012 for former Florida head coach Jim McElwain.

Injuries forced Napier to go deep down the bench looking for quarterbacks during his one season in Fort Collins. The Rams saw three quarterbacks play significant snaps as the starter with Garrett Grayson going down early in the season and M.J. McPeck followed two weeks later, forcing redshirt freshman Conner Smith into action. The trio combined to throw for 2,520 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2012 as Colorado State won three of its final five games.

#### Clemson (2003-04, 2006-10)

Before his first stretch at Alabama, Napier spent seven years in two different stints at Clemson. During Napier's final two seasons at Clemson he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.







At the age of 29, he became the youngest coordinator in the nation and in Clemson history. In his first season as Clemson's coordinator, the 2009 Tigers scored a school-record 436 points and collected 54 touchdowns (third-most in school history), averaged 5.73 yards per play (fourth best) and finished as the ACC Atlantic Division champions. Quarterback Kyle Parker was named a Freshman All-American and nine players Napier coached from 2009-10 went on to have careers in the NFL.

He also served as Clemson's recruiting coordinator from 2006-08. In those three seasons, he compiled two top-25 recruiting classes, according to Rivals.com, and in 2008, his class was tabbed as the second-best in the nation by ESPN.com. Known to his peers as a top recruiter, Napier signed several players who went on to the NFL, including Kavell Conner, Crezdon Butler, Brandon Thompson and Marcus Gilchrist.

Napier was the 2007-08 tight ends coach at Clemson, helping lead the Tigers to two bowl games and a prolific offense.

The 2007 season featured a 9-4 record and the ACC's highest-scoring offense. In his first year back with Clemson (2006), Napier worked primarily with the Tigers' tight ends but also was responsible for the punt team and assisted in several special-teams capacities. The 2006 Tigers led the ACC in total offense, rushing and scoring offense, advancing to the Music City Bowl.

Clemson averaged 410.9 yards per game and

32.7 points, more than doubling its opponent's totals. Tight end Hunter Thomas started all 11 games for the Tigers, averaging 19.1 yards per reception. Michael Palmer, who Napier coached for three seasons, went on to the NFL. He also worked with the special teams units, helping develop the 2009 ACC Player of the Year and a unanimous All-American, C.J. Spiller.

He began his coaching career as an offensive graduate assistant at Clemson in 2003-04. The Tigers won nine games, including the Peach Bowl against Tennessee. The following season, Napier was a graduate assistant on defense, and gained his first experience with recruiting off the field.

#### Background

As a player, Napier was a four-year letterwinner and two-time All-Southern Conference selection as the starting quarterback at Furman. The Paladins won two conference championships and in 2001, Napier's junior year, advanced to the Division I-AA national championship game, losing to Montana.

He completed 64.8-percent of his career passes, setting a school record. As the team captain during a record-setting senior season, Napier amassed 2,475 passing yards, also a Furman record, and was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, given annually to the nation's most outstanding FCS offensive player.

Napier grew up in Chatsworth, Georgia, and graduated from Murray County High School in

1998. He is married to the former Ali Gunn and the couple has a daughter, Annie, and sons, Sammy Nelson and Charlie. He earned his Bachelor's degree in health & exercise science from Furman in 2002.

#### BILLY NAPIER COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2022-Pres.	Florida, Head Coach
2018-21	Louisiana, Head Coach (40-12)
2017	Arizona State, Offensive Coordinator/QB
2013-17	Alabama, Assistant Coach/WR
2012	Colorado State, Assistant Coach/QB
2011	Alabama, Offensive Analyst
2009-10	Clemson, Offensive Coordinator/QB
2006-08	Clemson, Assistant Coach/TE, Recruiting
2005	South Carolina State, Assistant Coach/QB
2003-04	Clemson, Graduate Assistant

#### BILLY NAPIER POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

Year	Bowl Game
2021	Sun Belt Conference Champions
2020	Sun Belt Conference Co-Champions
2020	SERVPRO First Responder Bowl Champions
2020	Sun Belt Conference Championship Game
2020	LendingTree Bowl Champions
2019	Sun Belt Conference Championship Game
2018	AutoNation Cure Bowl
2018	Sun Belt Conference Championship Game
2017	Hyundai Sun Bowl
2016	National Championship Game
2016	College Football Playoff Semifinal Game
2016	SEC Championship Game
2015	National Championship Game
2015	College Football Playoff Semifinal Game
2015	SEC Championship Game
2014	Sugar Bowl
2013	Sugar Bowl
2011	BCS National Championship Game
2010	Meineke Car Care Bowl
2009	Music City Bowl
2008	Gator Bowl
2007	Chick-Fil-A Bowl
2006	Music City Bowl
2003	Peach Bowl

#### NAPIER FILE

Full Name	William Hall Napier
Birthdate	July 21, 1979
Birthplace	Cookeville, Tennessee
Hometown	Chatsworth, Georgia
Family	Wife: Ali Daughter: Annie Sons: Sammy & Charlie
High School	Murray County High School, 1998
College	Furman, 2002

#### NFL PLAYERS DRAFTED COACHED BY NAPIER

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	4	Percy Butler	S	Washington Commanders	Louisiana
2022	4	Max Mitchell	T	New York Jets	Louisiana
2021	6	Eli Mitchell	RB	San Francisco 49ers	Louisiana
2020	2	Robert Hunt	T	Miami Dolphins	Louisiana
2020	4	Kevin Dotson	G	Pittsburgh Steelers	Louisiana
2020	7	Raymond Calais	RB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Louisiana
2021	6	Frank Darby	WR	Atlanta Falcons	Arizona State
2020	7	Eno Benjamin	RB	Arizona Cardinals	Arizona State
2019	1	N'Keal Harry	WR	New England Patriots	Arizona State
2018	4	Kalen Ballage	RB	Miami Dolphins	Arizona State
2018	6	Sam Jones	C	Denver Broncos	Arizona State
2018	1	Calvin Ridley	WR	Atlanta Falcons	Alabama
2017	3	ArDarius Stewart	WR	New York Jets	Alabama
2015	1	Amari Cooper	WR	Oakland Raiders	Alabama
2014	4	Kevin Norwood	WR	Seattle Seahawks	Alabama
2015	3	Garrett Grayson	QB	New Orleans Saints	Colorado State
2014	3	Brandon Thomas	G	San Francisco 49ers	Clemson
2014	6	Tajh Boyd	QB	New York Jets	Clemson
2013	1	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	Houston Texans	Clemson
2013	6	Andre Ellington	RB	Arizona Cardinals	Clemson
2012	3	Dwayne Allen	TE	Indianapolis Colts	Clemson
2011	4	Chris Hairston	T	Buffalo Bills	Clemson
2011	4	Jamie Harper	RB	Tennessee Titans	Clemson
2010	1	C.J. Spiller	RB	Buffalo Bills	Clemson
2010	4	Jacoby Ford	WR	Oakland Raiders	Clemson
2012	3	Dwayne Allen	TE	Indianapolis Colts	Clemson



## ROB SALE

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / OFFENSIVE LINE

Rob Sale enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's offensive coordinator/offensive line coach prior to the 2022 season.

Sale joined the Gators after serving as the New York Giants' offensive line coach in 2021.

A 14-year collegiate coaching veteran, Sale spent three seasons at Louisiana (2018-20) as the Ragin' Cajuns offensive coordinator and offensive line coach under Napier.

Sale's unit produced three NFL Draft picks out of Louisiana, including Robert Hunt and Kevin Dotson in 2020, and Max Mitchell in 2022.

In 2020, the Ragin' Cajuns offense ranked third in the Sun Belt Conference in points per game (33.6), fifth in yards per game (421.5), third in yards per play (6.3) and fourth in rushing yards per game (213.0).

In 2019, Sale's offense set numerous school records, including total yards (6,918), touchdowns (69), rushing yards (3,604), rushing touchdowns (42) and passing touchdowns (27).

In his first season coaching the Louisiana offense, three players rushed for more than 700 yards each. Trey Ragas logged 1,149 yards and nine touchdowns, Elijah Mitchell led the Sun Belt with 16 touchdowns and ran for 985 yards of his own, while Raymond Calais tallied 754 yards and seven scores.

Prior to Louisiana, Sale was the offensive line coach/running game coordinator at Arizona State in 2017, when the Sun Devils averaged 31.9 points, 427.6 total yards and 179.9 rushing yards a game.

In 2016, Sale served as the offensive line coach at the University of Louisiana Monroe. That season, the Warhawks ranked third in the Sun Belt with 181.3 rushing yards per game and allowed just 19 sacks.

Prior to ULM, Sale was the offensive line coach at Georgia in 2015, when the Bulldogs averaged 375 yards a game. The offensive line – led by All-SEC first-team offensive tackle John Theus – helped the team rush for more than 190 rushing yards per game.

Sale spent three seasons at McNeese State serving as the offensive line coach for the Cowboys from 2012-13 before being elevated to co-offensive coordinator in 2014. In his final season, the Cowboys offense averaged 32.4 points, 396.5 total yards and 221.9 rushing yards a game.

From 2007-11, Sale gained his first college coaching experience as a strength and conditioning assistant and offensive analyst at Alabama. He began his coaching career as the offensive line coach at Catholic High of Pointe Coupee in New Roads, La. in 2006.

Sale played in 35 games with 25 starts, including 13 at right guard as a senior in 2002, at LSU. As a junior, he started at both center and guard when the Tigers won the SEC title. During his sophomore season, he started the final five games of the regular season and the Peach Bowl at left guard.

Sale is a native of Monroe, La. He and his wife Amanda have two sons, Tripp and Briggs.

### ROB SALE COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022- Pres.	Florida, OC / OL
2021	New York Giants, OL
2018-20	Louisiana, OC / OL
2017	Arizona State, OL / Running Game Coordinator
2016	Louisiana Monroe, OL
2015	Georgia, OL
2014	McNeese State, Co-OC
2012-13	McNeese State, OL
2007-11	Alabama, Strength & Conditioning Asst/Off. Analyst
2006	Catholic High of Pointe Coupee, OL

### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY SALE

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	4	Max Mitchell	T	New York Jets	Louisiana
2020	2	Robert Hunt	T	Miami Dolphins	Louisiana
2020	4	Kevin Dotson	G	Pittsburgh Steelers	Louisiana
2019	6	Lamont Gaillard	C	Arizona Cardinals	Georgia
2018	1	Isaiah Wynn	T	New England Patriots	Georgia
2018	6	Sam Jones	C	Denver Broncos	Arizona State
2016	5	John Theus	T	San Francisco 49ers	Georgia





## PATRICK TONEY

### CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / SAFETIES

Patrick Toney enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's co-defensive coordinator/safeties coach.

Patrick Toney spent four seasons at the University of Louisiana on Napier's staff, where he served as the Ragin' Cajuns defensive coordinator (2020-21) in addition to coaching safeties (2018-2020) and outside linebackers (2021).

During his two seasons as defensive coordinator at Louisiana, Toney helped the Ragin' Cajun to two Sun Belt Championships.

In year one under Toney's guidance the Louisiana defense set the tone, ranking fourth in the Sun Belt and 31st nationally in scoring defense (22.0), while also ranking fourth in the league and 33rd nationally in total defense (355.4).

In 2021, Toney's defense finished first in the conference in scoring defense (18.3), and tied-for-ninth nationally, while ranking fourth in passing defense in the league (2,589).

During his time at Louisiana, Toney coached Percy Butler who was selected by the Washington Commanders in the fourth round of the 2022 NFL Draft.

Before arriving at Louisiana, Toney spent two seasons as the safeties coach at UTSA. In 2017, the Roadrunners' defense ranked seventh amongst FBS programs, allowing 287.8 yards per game. The team finished eighth in scoring defense (17.0 PPG), second in first downs defense (166) and 19th in pass efficiency defense (112.19).

In his first year in San Antonio, he helped lead the

Roadrunners to six wins and the program's first-ever bowl game in the 2016 Gildan New Mexico Bowl.

Prior to UTSA, Toney spent the 2015 season as the secondary coach at Sam Houston State, helping the Bearkats to an 11-4 record and a run to the semifinals of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs.

Before joining Sam Houston State, Toney spent three seasons at Southeastern Louisiana. He was the safeties coach and special teams coordinator in 2014 after serving as a defensive assistant working with the secondary the previous two seasons.

During his time at Southeastern Louisiana, the Lions ranked first in the FCS in pass efficiency defense, second in interceptions, fifth in red zone defense, seventh in total defense and eighth in scoring defense.

His special teams topped the nation in kickoff return average, sixth in blocked kicks and 13th in kickoff return defense.

Toney coached two NFL Draft picks at Southeastern Louisiana, including Robert Alford (2013) and Harlan Miller (2016).

A native of Poway, Calif., Toney is a 2012 graduate of South Eastern Louisiana and is married to Courtney Toney.

#### PATRICK TONEY COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2021	Louisiana, DC/OLB
2020	Louisiana, DC/S
2018-20	Louisiana, S
2016-17	UTSA, S
2015	Sam Houston State, Secondary
2014	Southeastern Louisiana, ST Coordinator/S
2012-13	Southeastern Louisiana, Defensive Asst./Secondary
2010-11	La Costa Canyon High School, OC
2009	Palomar (Calif.) College, WR
2008	Fallbrook (Calif.) High School, DL

#### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY TONEY

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	4	Percy Butler	S	Washington Commanders	Louisiana
2016	6	Harlan Miller	CB	Arizona Cardinals	Southeastern Louisiana
2013	2	Robert Alford	CB	Atlanta Falcons	Southeastern Louisiana



## SEAN SPENCER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / DEFENSIVE LINE

Sean Spencer enters his first season with the Gators after being named co-defensive coordinator and defensive line coach prior to the 2022 season.

A veteran of more than 20 years at the collegiate and professional levels, Spencer joined the Gators after spending two seasons (2020-21) as the New York Giants defensive line coach.

Spencer made an immediate impact to the Giants defense during his first season in 2020. That year, the defensive front registered 40 sacks, the most sacks since the 2014 season when they tallied 47.

He worked with Leonard Williams, who doubled his stats in from 2019 to finish with 11.5 sacks the following season. Williams was named a Top-100 Player in the NFL entering the 2022 season, voted by his peers. He was also named NFC Defensive Player of the Week twice in 2020.

Under Spencer's guidance, the line helped the defense rank 12th in the NFL, allowing 349.3 yards per game in 2020. It was their best defensive finish since 2016, when they were 10th in the league by allowing 339.7 yards per game. The Giants' rushing defense ranked 10th, allowing 111.4 yards per game, also their best figures since 2016 when they were tied for third at 88.6 rushing yards per game.

Prior to the Giants, Spencer spent six seasons (2014-19) at Penn State, where he was also associate head coach and run game coordinator his final two years (2018-19).

The Nittany Lions' line was traditionally one of the best in the nation under Spencer. In 2019, Penn State had 45 sacks, the seventh-highest total in the country and third-highest in the Big Ten. It was Penn State's fifth consecutive season with at least 40 sacks, the first such streak for the Nittany Lions since team sacks were recorded in 1988.

That season, Spencer's linemen were also significant contributors to Penn State's run defense, which finished first in the nation by allowing only 2.6 yards per carry. The Nittany Lions also finished fifth in the country and first in the conference in yards per game with 95.0 in 2019.

In 2015 and 2018, Penn State led the nation in sacks, first with 50 and then with 47. Additionally, the Nittany Lions ranked fourth in the country with 8.2 tackles for loss a game in 2018. That year, the defense was a frequent fixture in the opposition's backfield, leading the country in sacks (3.62) for the second time in four years and ranking fourth in tackles for loss (8.2).

In 2017, the line helped the defense finish in the top 25 in FBS in scoring defense (7th; 16.5), sacks (7th; 3.23), rushing defense (14th; 118.0), total defense (17th; 329.5), takeaways (23rd; 25) and tackles for loss (25th; 7.2).

The line played a pivotal role in Penn State's Big Ten Championship run in 2016, when the defense finished seventh in FBS in tackles for loss (8.1) and 19th in sacks (2.86).

In 2015, the defensive line not only paced a unit that led the FBS in sacks (3.54 a game) but was sixth in tackles for loss (8.2) and 14th in total defense (324.5).

Spencer led a unit that in 2014 helped Penn State finish third in the FBS rushing defense (100.5) and second in total defense (278.7).

Prior to Penn State, Spence spent three seasons (2011-13) at Vanderbilt. During his tenure, the defensive lines helped the Commodores finish in the top 25 in the nation in total defense all three years. Vanderbilt recorded 28, 31 and 28 sacks under Spencer, with the defensive line posting 42.5 tackles for loss in 2013.

Spencer coached the Bowling Green defensive line in 2009-10 and had two stints at Massachusetts, also coaching the defensive front in 2001-03 and in 2007-08. He also has coached at Hofstra (2006), Villanova (2005), Holy Cross (2004), Trinity College (1998-2000), Shippensburg (1996-97) and Wesleyan (1995).

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### SEAN SPENCER COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022- Pres.	Florida, Co-DC/DL
2020-21	New York Giants, DL
2018-19	Penn State, AHC/Run Game Coord/DL
2014-17	Penn State, DL
2011-13	Vanderbilt, DL
2009-10	Bowling Green, DL
2007-08	Massachusetts, DL/STCoordinator
2006	Hofstra, DL
2005	Villanova, LB
2004	Holy Cross, DL
2001-03	Massachusetts, DL
1998-2000	Trinity College, RB/DL/Pass. Game Coordinator
1996-97	Shippensburg, RB

### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY SPENCER

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2021	1	Odafe Oweh	LB	Baltimore Ravens	Penn State
2021	7	Shaka Toney	DE	Washington Football Team	Penn State
2020	2	Yetur Gross-Matos	DE	Carolina Panthers	Penn State
2020	6	Rob Windsor	DT	Indianapolis Colts	Penn State
2019	4	Shareef Miller	DE	Philadelphia Eagles	Penn State
2016	2	Austin Johnson	DT	Tennessee Titans	Penn State
2016	7	Stephen Weatherly	DE	Minnesota Vikings	Vanderbilt
2016	3	Carl Nassib	DE	Cleveland Browns	Penn State
2016	6	Anthony Zettel	DT	Detroit Lions	Penn State
2013	6	Chris Jones	DT	Houston Texas	Bowling Green
2012	7	Tim Fugger	LB	Indianapolis Colts	Vanderbilt





## JABBAR JULUKE

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH - OFFENSE / RUNNING BACKS

Jabbar Juluke enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's associate head coach - offense/running backs.

Juluke spent the last four years (2018-21) on Head Coach Billy Napier's staff at Louisiana, which included four straight Sun Belt West Division titles, a share of the Sun Belt title in 2020 and 2021 Sun Belt Conference Championship.

Juluke coached two running backs that were drafted in back-to-back years (2020-21). Eli Mitchel by the San Francisco 49ers and Raymond Calais by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Mitchel was named First Team All-Sun Belt in 2020 and led Louisiana in rushing, with 141 carries for 878 yards and eight touchdowns. His yardage total was third in the league and 23rd nationally, while his eight rushing scores were the fifth most in the Sun Belt and tied for 41st nationally. Mitchel finished his career ranked fifth in career rushing touchdowns (41) and sixth in career rushing yards (3,267) and set the program record for most rushing yards in a bowl game after tallying 127 yards and a touchdown in the 2020 SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

The 2019 FootballScoop Running Backs Coach of the Year, Juluke led the Ragin' Cajuns to its best rushing season in program history in 2019, setting school records in total rushing yards (3,604) and rushing touchdowns (42). Louisiana finished the season ranked third nationally in yards per rush (6.28), rushing touchdowns (42) and sixth in total rushing yards.

Prior to a season at Texas Tech (2017), he was the running backs coach at LSU in 2016. Juluke tutored one of the nations top running backs

in Leonard Fournette who was the No. 5 overall selection in the 2017 NFL Draft. He also worked with Derrius Guice that season, pushing the sophomore to 1,428 yards and 11 touchdowns while being named to the All-SEC First Team with Fournette.

He began his collegiate coaching career at Louisiana Tech, where he spent two seasons (2014-15) as the running backs coach. Juluke helped the Bulldogs win the Conference USA West Division title in 2014. He also heavily involved in recurring efforts and helped land three 2017 NFL Draft picks in wide receivers Carlos Henderson (Denver Broncos), Trent Tylor (San Francisco 49ers) and safety Xavier Woods (Dallas Cowboys).

Juluke arrived at Louisiana Tech following nine years as the head coach at Edna Karr High School in New Orleans. Juluke was regarded as one of Louisiana's top high school coaches during that time as he compiled an 80-39 record that was capped by a perfect 14-0 mark and a Class 4A state title in 2012.

Juluke guided Edna Karr to seven district titles and two state runner-up finishes during his tenure. He boasted a 49-8 record over his final four seasons alone which featured three appearances in the state championship game. Most impressively, Juluke helped over 70 of his players earn college football scholarships during his head coaching career. Prior to his stint at Edna Karr, Juluke served as the defensive back coach and special teams coordinator at O.P. Walker High school for one sea-

son (2002). Juluke coached linebackers at St. Augustine High School in 2000 and 2001 after serving as the wide receivers coach for Brother Martin High School in 1999.

Juluke began his coaching career as the defensive coordinator for Frederick Douglas High School from 1996-98.

As a player, Juluke helped guide Southern University to an 11-1 record and a Black National Championship in 1993. In addition to his time as a standout safety for the Jaguars, Juluke also lettered one season with the men's basketball program during the 1994-95 campaign. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Southern in 1999.

Juluke is a native of New Orleans. He and his wife, Denise, are parents to three children – Jahmad, Jamari and Dyrius Smith.

### JABBAR JULUKE COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2022-Pres.	Florida, Associate Head Coach/ RB
2018-21	Louisiana, Assistant Head Coach/ RB
2017	Texas Tech, Associate Head Coach/ RB
2016	LSU, RB
2013-15	Louisiana Tech, RB
2006-12	Edna Karr High School, HC (80-39)
2005	McKinley High School, Assistant
2003-04	Edna Karr High School, HC (80-39)
2002	O.P. Walker High School, DB/ST Coordinator
2000-01	St. Augustine High School, LB
1999	Brother Martin High School, WR
1996-98	Frederick Douglas High School, DC

### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY JULUKE

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2021	6	Elijah Mitchell	RB	San Francisco 49ers	Louisiana
2020	7	Raymond Calais	RB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Louisiana
2020	FA	Trey Ragas	RB	Las Vegas Raiders	Louisiana
2017	1	Leonard Fournette	RB	Jacksonville Jaguars	LSU
2018	6	Boston Scott	RB	New Orleans Saints	Louisiana Tech
2018	2	Derrius Guice	RB	Washington Redskins	LSU
2016	4	Kenneth Dixon	RB	Baltimore Ravens	Louisiana Tech
2014	FA	Cornelius Lucas*	T	Detroit Lions	Kansas State
2009	3	Michael Wallace*	WR	Pittsburgh Steelers	Ole Miss
2009	3	Keenan Lewis*	CB	Pittsburgh Steelers	Oregon State

\* coached in high school



## COREY RAYMOND

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH - DEFENSE / CORNERBACKS

Corey Raymond enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's assistant head coach - defense/cornerbacks.

Corey Raymond, who played six years in the NFL, spent 10 seasons at LSU where he coached defensive backs (2012-17) and cornerbacks (2018-21) prior to Florida.

Raymond's secondary produced seven first team All-Americans during his time at LSU, and a Jim Thorpe Award winner in Grant Delpit in 2019.

Under Raymond, 15 Tigers were picked in the NFL Draft, including four first rounders – Derek Stingley Jr. (2022), Jamal Adams and Tre'Davious White (2017), and Eric Reid (2013), along with five second round picks that include Grant Delpit (2020), Kristen Fulton (2020), Donte Jackson (2019), Greedy Williams (2018) and Jalen Collins (2015).

In 2020, LSU ranked No. 2 in the SEC in interceptions with 13 with true freshman Eli Ricks ranking No. 2 in the conference with four to his credit.

During LSU's national championship season in 2019, Stingley Jr. led the SEC in interceptions with six and earned SEC Newcomer of the Year honors to go with his first team All-America awards.

In 2019, the Tigers, for the second straight season, led the SEC in interceptions with 17 and LSU ranked No. 2 in the league in pass efficiency defense, allowing opponents to complete just 50.7 percent of its passes – the best percentage in the league.

In 2018, LSU led the SEC interceptions with 17 and ranked second in the league in pass defense efficiency in that year.

In 2017, LSU allowed only 11 passing touchdowns, which was the second-lowest total in the SEC, and the Tigers were No. 2 in the league in pass efficiency defense.

In 2016, Raymond's secondary allowed only nine passing touchdowns all season and ranked No. 3 in the Southeastern Conference in yards per game at 197.2.

LSU's 2015 secondary featured Jalen Mills, a first team All-America selection. Mills was joined in the secondary by White and Adams, who were both second team All-

SEC selections. Adams led all Tiger defensive backs with 67 tackles and four interceptions.

In 2014, LSU's secondary led the SEC in total defense (316.8 yards per game), pass defense (164.2 yards per game) and pass efficiency defense (101.6 rating). LSU allowed an SEC-best 10 passing touchdowns in that year.

LSU ranked No. 4 in the SEC in pass defense in 2013, allowing 197.5 yards per game. The Tigers limited opponents to 15 touchdown passes and ranked second in the league in yards allowed per attempt (6.4) and third in the conference in completion percentage at 56.0 percent.

In his first year back with the Tigers in 2012, Raymond coached safety Reid to first team All-America honors, and who was later chosen No. 18 overall in the NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers. Meanwhile, cornerback Tharold Simon was picked in the fifth round by the Seattle Seahawks.

As a unit in 2012, LSU's secondary combined for 15 interceptions and helped the Tigers rank No. 11 nationally in pass efficiency defense.

Raymond spent 2011 season as the secondary coach at Nebraska. In his one season with the Cornhuskers, Raymond coached a Nebraska secondary that featured the 2011 Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year in Alfonzo Dennard. Raymond's secondary helped Nebraska rank No. 18 in the nation in pass defense in 2011.

Prior to Nebraska, Raymond served as the cornerbacks coach for two seasons at Utah State. Raymond coached Curtis Marsh, who earned All-WAC honors and later went on to become a third-round pick in the NFL Draft.

Raymond served on the LSU staff for three years from 2006-08 before taking the job at Utah State.

During his three years on the LSU staff from 2006-08, Raymond was part of two BCS bowl victories, including a 38-24 win over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship. LSU's defense ranked No. 3 nationally in both 2006 and 2007 as the Tigers combined to post a 23-4 record during that span.

Prior to joining the LSU staff in 2006, Raymond coached at the high school level for three years in his hometown of New Iberia. Raymond was the defensive coordinator at New Iberia High School in 2003 and then held the same position at Westgate High School in 2004-05.

Raymond was a three-year starter in the secondary for the Tigers from 1989-91. He capped his LSU career with 185 tackles and eight interceptions. Following his career with the Tigers, Raymond spent six seasons in the NFL – three with the New York Giants and three with the Detroit Lions. In 90 games in the NFL, Raymond started 60 times and intercepted 11 passes to go with 258 tackles.

Raymond, who earned his undergraduate degree from LSU in 1993, is a native of New Iberia, La. He has four children – Cody, Ariel, Christopher and Madison.

### COREY RAYMOND COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022-Pres.	Florida, Assistant Head Coach/CB
2020-21	LSU, CB/Rec. Coord.
2018-19	LSU, CB
2012-17	LSU, DB
2011	Nebraska, Secondary
2009-10	Utah State, CB
2007-08	LSU, Assistant Strength Coach
2006	LSU, Intern
2004-05	Westgate (La.) High School, DC
2003	New Iberia (La.) High School, DC

### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY RAYMOND

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	3	Cordale Flott	CB	N.Y. Giants	LSU
2022	1	Derek Stingley Jr.	CB	Houston	LSU
2021	6	Jacoby Stevens	S	Philadelphia	LSU
2020	2	Grant Delpit	S	Cleveland	LSU
2020	2	Kristian Fulton	CB	Tennessee	LSU
2019	2	Greedy Williams	CB	Cleveland	LSU
2018	2	Donte Jackson	CB	Carolina	LSU
2017	1	Jamal Adams	S	N.Y. Jets	LSU
2017	1	Tre'Davious White	CB	Buffalo	LSU
2016	4	Rashard Robinson	CB	San Francisco	LSU
2016	7	Jalen Mills	S	Philadelphia	LSU
2015	2	Jalen Collins	CB	Atlanta	LSU
2014	2	Stanley Jean-Baptiste	CB	New Orleans	Nebraska
2014	4	Nevin Lawson	CB	Detroit	Utah State
2013	5	Tharold Simon	CB	Seattle	LSU
2013	1	Eric Reid	S	San Francisco	LSU
2013	3	Tyrann Mathieu	S	Arizona	LSU
2013	7	Damion Stafford	S	Tennessee	Nebraska
2012	7	Alfonso Dennard	CB	New England	Nebraska
2011	3	Curtis Marsh	CB	Philadelphia	Utah State





## JAY BATEMAN

### INSIDE LINEBACKERS

Jay Bateman enters his first season with the Gators after being hired at as an assistant, coaching the inside linebackers.

A 24-year coaching veteran, Bateman arrived in Gainesville after spending three seasons as North Carolina's co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach (2019-21).

Upon his arrival in Carolina in 2019, Bateman helped engineer major improvements in the Tar Heel defense, which was one of the nation's top five most improved units in total defense, scoring defense and rushing defense that year.

Bateman's aggressive style was evident in the 36 sacks the team produced in 2020, the most for a Carolina defense since 2000 and tied for fifth nationally. The scoring defense, total defense and rushing defense all ranked in the Top 35 nationally of teams that played at least 10 games that season. The unit produced a first-team All-America in linebacker Chazz Surratt.

During his time with the Tar Heels, Bateman helped develop two NFL Draft picks, including Surratt who was picked in the third round by the Minnesota Vikings in 2021, along with Jason Strowbridge who was selected in the fifth round by the Miami Dolphins in 2020.

Prior to UNC, Bateman spent five seasons (2014-18) as Army's defensive coordinator.

Army won 29 games during Bateman's tenure, including three bowl games during his last three seasons, which included two Top-10 finishes in total defense. Bateman was one of five finalists for the 2018 Broyles Award and a semifinalist in 2016.

In 2018, Bateman led Army's defense to finish eighth nationally in total defense (295.5 ypg) and 10th in scoring defense (17.7 ppg).

The Black Knights finished third in the nation in red zone defense and 14th in passing defense in 2017.

In 2016, Bateman guided a defense that ranked fourth nationally in total defense (291.5 ypg), sixth in passing defense (170.2 ypg) and 18th in rushing defense (121.2 ypg). The Army defensive unit also ranked 16th in scoring defense, allowing 19 points per game, while increasing its interception total from six in 2015 to 17 in 2016.

Prior to Army, Bateman spent three seasons as the defensive coordinator at Ball State (2011-13). His 2013 defensive unit ranked ninth nationally in turnovers gained with 31 and 12th in turnover margin at +0.9.

Bateman's defensive unit at Ball State produced an NFL Draft selection in Jonathan Newsome, who was selected in the fifth round by the Indianapolis Colts in 2015.

Bateman spent five seasons as the defensive

coordinator and linebackers coach at Elon (2006-10) prior to Ball State. At Elon, Bateman coached Chad Nkang who was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2007

He also made stops at Lehigh (2005) and Richmond (2004). Bateman gained head-coaching experience at Siena College. He led the program from 2000-03 after spending one season as an assistant coach on staff.

Bateman began his coaching career in 1997, spending two years on staff at Hampden-Sydney. Bateman is a 1995 graduate of Randolph-Macon.

Bateman is a native of Richmond, Va. He and his wife Heather have two children, Bea and CJ.

#### JAY BATEMAN COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2022-Pres.	Florida, ILB
2019-21	North Carolina, Co-DC/S
2014-18	Army, DC
2011-13	Ball State, DC
2006-10	Elon, DC/LB
2005	Lehigh, DL
2004	Richmond, Secondary
2000-03	Siena College, HC (5-35)
1999	Siena College, DC
1997-98	Hampden-Sydney, GA
1995-97	Benedictine HS, Assistant

#### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY BATEMAN

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2021	3	Chazz Surratt	LB	Minnesota Vikings	North Carolina
2020	5	Jason Strowbridge	DE	Miami Dolphins	North Carolina
2014	5	Jonathan Newsome	LB	Indianapolis Colts	Ball State
2007	7	Chad Nkang	LB	Jacksonville Jaguars	Elon



## KEARY COLBERT

### WIDE RECEIVERS

Keary Colbert enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's assistant coach / wide receivers prior to the 2022 season.

Colbert arrived in The Swamp after spending the previous six seasons at his alma mater, USC, in roles of offensive analyst (2016-17), tight ends (2018) and wide receivers coach (2019-21).

He coached five NFL draft picks on the offensive side of the ball, including Drake London, Jordan Cameron, Michael Pittman Jr, Amon Ra St. Brown and Robert Davis.

He developed Pittman Jr. into finishing top-20 nationally in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns while being a finalist for the Biletnikoff and Witten awards in 2019.

During the 2021 NFL season, St. Brown locked up the all-time Detroit Lion's record for rookie receiving yards with 912 yards, while also notching a team-leading 5 touchdowns.

Meanwhile, Pittman led the Colts in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns and receiving touchdowns during the 2021 regular season. He was also named a NFL Pro Bowl Alternate.

Colbert worked with Florida Head Coach Billy Napier from 2014-15 as an offensive analyst at Alabama when the Tide won the National Championship in 2015 and went a combined 26-3.

Prior to his stint with Alabama, he was the wide receivers coach at Georgia State in 2013 and worked with Albert Wilson to a 1,000 yard pass

catcher that year. Colbert arrived at GSU after serving as volunteer coach (2012) at Pace Academy in Atlanta.

A four-year starter at wide receiver at USC, he broke the program all-time receptions record (207) while gaining 2,964 receiving yards and 19 touchdown passes in his career.

Colbert was a team captain his senior year when the Trojans captured the 2003 National Championship and was a two-time All Pac-10 second-team selection (2002-03).

Colbert was drafted in the second round of the 2004 NFL draft by the Carolina Panthers and spent four seasons (2004-07) in Carolina where he set rookie season records for receptions (47), receiving yards (754) and receiving touchdowns (5). He also spent time with the Denver Broncos (2008), Seattle Seahawks (2008), Detroit Lions (2008-09) and Kansas City Chiefs (2011).

He started his coaching career with the USC staff in 2010 as a graduate assistant working with the tight ends.

An Oxnard, Calif., native, Colbert received his bachelor's degree in sociology from USC in 2006.

He and his wife, Safiya, have two sons; Kaden and Khari.

#### KEARY COLBERT COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022-Pres.	Florida, WR
2019-21	USC, WR
2018	USC, TE/Inside Receivers
2016-17	USC, Offensive Quality Control
2014-15	Alabama, Offensive Analyst
2013	Georgia State, WR
2012	Pace Academy, Volunteer Coach
2010-11	USC, Graduate Assistant

#### BUILDING A DIVERSE STAFF

Florida's six full-time minority assistant coaches is tied for the fifth-most in the FBS.

T1. Hawai'i - 8

T1. Miami (FL) - 8

T3. Northern Illinois - 7

T3. Virginia - 7

**T5. Florida - 6**

T5. 12 others tied - 6

#### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY COLBERT

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	1	Drake London	WR	Atlanta Falcons	USC
2021	4	Amon-Ra St. Brown	WR	Detroit Lions	USC
2020	2	Michael Pittman Jr.	WR	Indianapolis Colts	USC
2017	6	Robert Davis	WR	Washington Commanders	Georgia State
2011	4	Jordan Cameron	TE	Cleveland Browns	USC





## WILLIAM PEAGLER

### TIGHT ENDS

William Peagler enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's tight ends coach prior to the 2022 season.

Peagler arrives in Gainesville after spending two seasons as Michigan State's running backs coach, helping the Spartans finish the 2021 regular season with a 10-2 record and reach their third New Year's Six Bowl. Peagler and MSU defeated Pittsburgh in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on Dec. 30 with a score of 31-21.

Peagler was awarded the 2021 FootballScoop Running Backs Coach of the Year, after coaching running back Kenneth Walker III to the Doak Walker award. Walker III is the first Spartan to win the award after rushing for 1,636 yards and 18 touchdowns on 263 carries.

During his time at Michigan State, Peagler coached Kenneth Walker III who was selected by the Seattle Seahawks in the second round of the 2022 NFL Draft.

Prior to Michigan State, Peagler was the director of quality control for the offense in 2019 at Colorado.

Peagler spent the 2018 season as Louisiana's director of player personnel and quality control coordinator, helping the Ragin' Cajuns recruit the No. 1 class in the Sun Belt Conference that year.

Prior to Louisiana, he served as a graduate assistant at Georgia during the Bulldogs' run to the College Football Playoff National Championship in 2017. Peagler worked with NFL first-rounder Isaiah Wynn, who earned first-team All-SEC honors as an offensive tackle that year.

In Athens, Peagler was also part of the staff that signed the nation's consensus top recruiting class for 2018.

Peagler spent the 2016 season at Minnesota, where he served as an assistant in quality control for the offense. Prior to that, he was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Olive Branch High School in Mississippi in 2015, and the run game coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Coffeyville Community College in 2014.

Peagler spent the 2011-13 seasons at Louisiana. He initially joined the Ragin' Cajuns staff as an offensive quality control assistant and then was an offensive graduate assistant coach in his final two years there. UL won the New Orleans Bowl all three seasons he was on the staff.

A 2010 Clemson graduate, Peagler began his coaching career as student assistant for the Tigers from 2006-09 and later as the tight ends coach at Valdosta State for the 2010 season.

Peagler is a native of Santee, S.C.

#### WILLIAM PEAGLER COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022-Pres.	Florida, TE
2020-21	Michigan State, RB
2019	Colorado, Director of Quality Control - Offense
2018	Louisiana, Director of Player Personnel/QC
2017	Georgia, Graduate Assistant - Offensive Line
2016	Minnesota, QC - Offense
2015	Olive Branch High School, OC/ OL
2014	Coffeyville Community College, Run Game Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator
2012-13	Louisiana, Graduate Assistant - Offense
2011	Louisiana, QC- Offense
2010	Valdosta State, TE
2006-09	Clemson, Student Assistant

#### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY PEAGLER

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	2	Kenneth Walker III	RB	Seattle Seahawks	Michigan State



## MIKE PETERSON

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS / ALUMNI LIAISON

Mike Peterson enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's outside linebackers coach/alumni liaison prior to the 2022 season.

Peterson spent the six previous seasons (2016-21) at South Carolina as an outside linebackers / defensive ends coach.

During his time with the Gamecocks, Peterson developed two NFL Draft picks in Kingsley Enagbare (fifth round, 2022) and D.J. Wonnum (fourth round, 2020).

In 2020, he coached Enagbare to a first-team All-SEC selection and the conference leader in sacks and forced fumbles.

While under Peterson's tutelage, Wonnum wrapped up his Gamecock career ranked ninth with 29.5 tackles for loss. He was a second-team All-SEC selection in 2019.

Peterson is credited with the development of Bryson Allen-Williams, who logged 10 tackles for loss in 2018 despite playing in just nine games, and finished his career 10th on the school's all-time list with 27.5 tackles for loss.

In 2017, Peterson was instrumental in the development of Wonnum, who ranked tied for seventh in the SEC in tackles for loss with 13.0, while leading the team with 6.0 sacks.

With Peterson's mentoring, Darius English turned in his finest season in South Carolina in 2016, garnering 9.0 sacks to move him into both the single-season and career (15.0) sacks top-10 lists in school history while earning second-team All-SEC accolades.

A member of the Florida 1996 National Championship team, he played linebacker for Steve Spurrier from 1995-98. His senior year, he served as a team captain and earned First-Team All-SEC and All-America honors. Peterson was inducted into the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

He was selected in the second-round (36th pick overall) in the 1999 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts. Peterson earned second-team All-Pro honors in 2005 and finished his career with 883 tackles, 21.5 sacks and 19 interceptions in 196 career games. A graduate of Santa Fe High School, he played 14 years in the NFL with the Colts (1999-02), Jacksonville Jaguars (2003-08) and Atlanta Falcons (2009-12).

After retiring from the NFL, he returned to Florida in 2013 where he finished his degree while working as undergraduate assistant coach on the strength and conditioning staff. Upon graduation, he was named to a full-time position as a strength and condition coordinator.

Peterson and his wife established the Mike Peterson Foundation in 2004. The foundation was

constituted in an attempt to support and benefit under-served youth and socio-economically challenged families in Peterson's hometown of Alachua and his NFL cities of Jacksonville and Atlanta.

Since its inception, the Mike Peterson Foundation has already served over 50,000 youth and families through several community events and programs, most notably the Top Dog Readers Club literacy program at the Grove Park Elementary School in Atlanta.

A Gainesville native, Peterson attended Santa Fe High School in Alachua.

Peterson and his wife, Chantal, have two sons; Mike Jr. and Gavin.

Peterson is the older brother of former Chicago Bears running back Adrian Peterson.

### MIKE PETERSON COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022-Pres.	Florida, OLB/Alumni Liaison
2016-21	South Carolina, OLB/DE
2014-15	Florida, Strength and Conditioning Coord.
2013	Florida, Undergraduate Assistant

### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY PETERSON

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	5	Kingsley Enagbare	DE	Green Bay Packers	South Carolina
2020	4	D.J. Wonnum	LB	Minnesota Vikings	South Carolina





## DARNELL STAPLETON

### OFFENSIVE LINE

Darnell Stapleton enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's assistant coach/offensive line.

Stapleton joined the Gators staff after spending the 2021 the season with Napier at Louisiana, where he helped the Ragin' Cajuns to a Sun Belt Conference championship.

Stapleton's unit blocked for 2021 Sun Belt Conference Championship Game MVP Levi Lewis, who compiled 2,646 yards of passing, the second-best in the league, threw the third-most touchdowns in the conference (19) and ranked fifth with 203.5 passing yards per game through 13 games.

On the ground, Louisiana's offensive line helped the Ragin' Cajuns to 31 rushing touchdowns and 2,496 rushing yards, ranking 14th and 24th respectively in the nation, while placing second and third in the conference in 13 games.

Prior to Louisiana, Stapleton spent four seasons at Sam Houston State, where he was the offensive line coach and the run game coordinator from 2017-20. In 2019, the Bearkat offensive line produced a pair of All-Southland Conference selections in first teamer Colby Thomas and third teamer Tyler Edwards, who help running back Donovan Williams finish second in the Southland in rushing with 925 yards and 14 touchdowns.

From 2014-17, he served at the offensive line coach at Bucknell University.

In 2016, Stapleton coached Julién Davenport, who captured First Team All-America honors from the Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association, Walter Camp Foundation and STATS. Also a four-time All-Patriot League selection, Davenport became Bucknell's first NFL Draft pick since 1969 when he was taken in the fourth round by the Houston Texans.

The offensive line coach at Pace University for six months prior to joining the Bucknell staff, Stapleton completed two years as a graduate assistant at Rutgers, working closely with an offensive line that ranked in the top 10 nationally in fewest sacks allowed in 2012. The Scarlet Knights went to two bowl games during Stapleton's tenure, which also included a Big East title.

Stapleton joined the Rutgers program in 2005 after two playing years at Hudson Valley Community College. He started all 25 games at center during his two years at Rutgers, earning recognition as a finalist for the Rimington Trophy as a senior. Stapleton anchored an offensive line that blocked for future NFL Pro Bowl running back Ray Rice.

Stapleton graduated from Rutgers in 2007 with a degree in business and labor relations.

Stapleton was a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers from 2007 to 2010 and was on the squad that won Super Bowl XLIII at the conclusion of the 2008 campaign. He started 18 games on the offensive line during his time in Pittsburgh, includ-

ing the Super Bowl. Overall, he played in 26 career games with the Steelers.

Stapleton's coaching career started in 2011 with the New York Sharks, a women's professional football team. He followed that stint with one season coaching both the offensive and defensive lines at Montclair Kimberly Academy. The squad posted a 9-2 mark, surpassing the program record for wins by three.

Stapleton has coached two NFL Draft selections in Max Mitchell (2022, Louisiana) and Julien Davenport (2017, Bucknell).

Stapleton is a native of Union Township, NJ.

#### DARNELL STAPLETON COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position (Record as HC)
2022-Pres.	Florida, OL
2021	Louisiana, OL
2017-20	Sam Houston State, Running Game Coordinator/OL
2014-17	Bucknell, OL
2014	Pace, OL
2013-14	Rutgers, Graduate Assistant
2012	Montclair Kimberly Academy, OL/DL
2011	New York Sharks, HC (5-3)

#### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY STAPLETON

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	4	Max Mitchell	T	New York Jets	Louisiana
2017	4	Julien Davenport	T	Houston Texans	Bucknell



## MARK HOCKE

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH / DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Mark Hocke enters his first season with the Gators after being hired as Florida's Associate Head Coach/Director of Football Strength and Conditioning ahead of the 2022 season.

Hocke (Pronounced: "Hockey") spent all four seasons (2018-21) at Louisiana with Napier, which included four straight Sun Belt West Division titles, a share of the Sun Belt title in 2020 and 2021 Sun Belt Conference Champions.

Prior to Louisiana, Hocke spent the 2017 season at Texas A&M where he served as the Football Strength and Conditioning.

Prior to Texas A&M, Hocke spent one season as the co-associate head football strength and conditioning coach at Florida State where he served under head football coach Jimbo Fisher and strength coach Vic Vilorio. The Seminoles won the final five games of the 2016 season on their way to a 10-3 record that included a 33-32 win over Michigan in the Orange Bowl.

He also served as the head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Georgia in 2015, where he directed a 15-person staff that trained a pair of All-SEC honorees in offensive lineman as the Bulldogs finished the year with a 10-3 record, which included a win over Penn State in the Gator Bowl.

Hocke began his collegiate coaching career at the University of Alabama in 2009 spending six seasons on head coach Nick Saban's staff and was with Napier in Tuscaloosa during the 2011 and 2014-15 seasons.

He helped coach three teams that won BCS National Championships (2009, 2012, 2013) and trained over 35 players that signed NFL contracts, including 10 first-round NFL Draft picks.

The New Orleans native also headed the off-season Player Leadership Council.

Overall, Hocke has worked with more the 60 players who have been selected in the NFL Draft including top-five picks Julio Jones (2011 NFL Draft), Trent Richardson (2012 NFL Draft) and Amari Cooper (2015 NFL Draft).

Hocke's first coaching job was at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, La., where he served as a position coach (wide receivers, running backs and defensive backs) and oversaw the team's strength and conditioning from 2003-2008. His certifications include CSCCC Certified, FMS Screen Certified as well as USA Weightlifting

Level 1 Sports Performance Coach Certified.

Hocke is a native of New Orleans. He and his wife Katherine have two children, Palmer and Hartman.

### MARK HOCKE COACHING HISTORY

Year	Team, Position
2022-pres.	Florida, AHC/Dir. S&C
2018-21	Louisiana, Dir. S&C
2017	Texas A&M, Head S&C
2016	FSU, Strength and Conditioning Coach
2015	Georgia, Head S&C
2009-14	Alabama, Asst. S&C
2003-08	Jesuit High School, WR/DB/S&C

### DRAFTED NFL PLAYERS COACHED BY HOCKE (as head strength and conditioning coach)

Year	Rnd	Player	Pos	Team	College
2022	4	Percy Butler	S	Washington Commanders	Louisiana
2022	4	Max Mitchell	T	New York Jets	Louisiana
2021	6	Elijah Mitchell	RB	San Francisco 49ers	Louisiana
2020	2	Robert Hunt	T	Miami Dolphins	Louisiana
2020	4	Kevin Dotson	G	Pittsburgh Steelers	Louisiana
2020	7	Raymond Calais	RB	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Louisiana
2022	4	Michael Clemons	DL	New York Jets	Texas A&M
2021	3	Kellen Mond	QB	Minnesota Vikings	Texas A&M
2021	4	Dan Moore Jr.	T	Pittsburgh Steelers	Texas A&M
2021	4	Buddy Johnson	LB	Pittsburgh Steelers	Texas A&M
2020	3	Justin Madubuike	DT	Baltimore Ravens	Texas A&M
2020	6	Braden Mann	P	New York Jets	Texas A&M
2019	2	Erik McCoy	C	New Orleans Saints	Texas A&M
2019	5	Kingsley Keke	DE	Green Bay Packers	Texas A&M
2019	5	Dylon Mack	DT	Baltimore Ravens	Texas A&M
2019	6	Trayveon Williams	RB	Cincinnati Bengals	Texas A&M
2019	6	Donovan Wilson	S	Dallas Cowboys	Texas A&M
2019	7	Cullen Gillaspia	RB	Houston Texans	Texas A&M
2018	2	Christian Kirk	WR	Arizona Cardinals	Texas A&M
2018	4	Armani Watts	S	Kansas City Chiefs	Texas A&M
2018	6	Damion Ratley	WR	Cleveland Browns	Texas A&M
2020	7	Tae Crowder	LB	New York Giants	Georgia
2019	1	DeAndre Baker	CB	New York Giants	Georgia
2019	5	D'Andre Walker	LB	Tennessee Titans	Georgia
2019	6	Lamont Gaillard	C	Arizona Cardinals	Georgia
2019	7	Terry Godwin	WR	Carolina Panthers	Georgia
2018	1	Isaiah Wynn	T	New England Patriots	Georgia
2018	1	Sony Michel	RB	New England Patriots	Georgia
2018	2	Nick Chubb	RB	Cleveland Browns	Georgia
2018	3	Lorenzo Carter	LB	New York Giants	Georgia
2017	5	Isaiah McKenzie	WR	Denver Broncos	Georgia
2016	1	Leonard Floyd	LB	Chicago Bears	Georgia
2016	3	Jordan Jenkins	LB	New York Jets	Georgia
2016	4	Malcolm Mitchell	WR	New England Patriots	Georgia
2016	5	John Theus	T	San Francisco 49ers	Georgia
2016	7	Keith Marshall	RB	Washington Redskins	Georgia



# GatorMade Program Aims For Holistic Development

Developing Gators far beyond the football field

When Gators head football coach Billy Napier arrived in Gainesville, he made clear that player development was going to be a priority at Florida. Shortly after taking over the program, he introduced GatorMade, a player-focused and purpose-driven initiative that seeks to develop Gators beyond the football field by providing them with the necessary skills to succeed in life. The program was part of Napier's master plan when he got a job at a school with the resources to support his vision.

Led by Senior Director of Player Relations and GatorMade Savannah Bailey, GatorMade holistically develops each football scholar-athlete within UF's football program. The initiative not only addresses the needs of scholar-athletes, but also empowers them with opportunities to learn, serve, and lead. GatorMade translates the skills of football into personal and professional contexts, instilling independence in the scholar-athletes to be agents of change in their



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**- Head Coach Billy Napier**



**SIXTEEN GATORS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES** traveled to Greece this summer for a 10-day service trip.



**GATORMADE** hosted a business trip to Atlanta for nine football scholar-athletes over spring break. The group met with the Atlanta Gator Club and nine different companies.

teams, homes, communities, and world. "GatorMade provides opportunities in financial literacy, micro-internships, networking, mentorship, agent education, NIL, business weekend trips and even service abroad," Napier said. "We want to have a place where we work toward having a life-changing impact as a person, as a student and as a player. And GatorMade provides the building blocks." In Summer 2022, the program kicked off its first annual Service Abroad Trip. Sixteen scholar-athletes across seven different sports traveled to Greece for a 10-day service trip, logging more than 600 hours of community service. "It's a different perspective.

I think it helps people grow their understanding of the world and understanding of themselves," Bailey said on the importance of facilitating abroad opportunities. "I think that brings home the message that anyone can serve anywhere, so whether it's across the world, in your hometown, or right here in Gainesville, there's always going to be someone who needs help." Earlier in the year, GatorMade also hosted a business trip to Atlanta for nine football scholar-athletes over spring break. The group met with the Atlanta Gator Club and nine different companies, an opportunity for the players to explore future options and network with Gator Nation.

The GatorMade staff includes former UF player Vernell Brown Jr., who serves as senior director of student-athlete development and alumni relations and Marcus Castro-Walker, director of player engagement and NIL. Diane Lebon, another staff member with experience at UF, serves as football business manager and GatorMade coordinator. "We are just in the beginning stages. This is a comprehensive year-round curriculum and series of experiences that a player has," Napier said. "What I've seen is that these experiences change the perspective of the player, and then all of sudden, when they go to class, or they go to Hawkins Center, or they're

living life, they're visualizing what they want to do or who they want to become. One of the ways you change people is that you expose them to different people and different events. That's what we want to do with GatorMade. "We're hopeful that this becomes the absolute best player-development program in the entire country. This is an area where people can invest in the player. And at the University of Florida, with the alumni network that we have and the top-five university education that we offer, there's no reason we can't do just that."



## 2022 FLORIDA GATORS REGULAR SEASON ROSTER

			##	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl	Hometown	High School/Previous School
0	Dean III, Trey	S	18	Anders, Jack	QB	6-1.50	203	R-So.	Germantown, Md.	Northwest
0	Fraziars, Ja'Quavion	WR	42	Anyahie, Kenny	ILB	6-0.5	224	Fr.	Naples, Fla.	Lely / Temple
1	Pearsall, Ricky	WR	58	Barber, Austin	OL	6-6.25	312	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy
2	Johnson, Montrell	RB	36	Barnes, Corneilus	WR	6-0	171	R-Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Godby
2	Burney, Amari	ILB	45	Battle, Eddie	RB	5-11.75	215	R-Sr.	McDonough, Ga.	Henry County
3	Marshall Jr., Jason	CB	81	Boardingham, Arlis	TE	6-3	235	Fr.	Van Nuys, Calif	Birmingham
3	Henderson, Xzavier	WR	12	Boone, Justus	DL	6-3.75	260	R-Fr.	Sumter, S.C.	Fort Lauderdale
4	Reese, David	OLB	14	Borders, Chief	OLB	6-3.50	241	R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Heard County (Ga.)
4	Shorter, Justin	WR	16	Bowman, Thai	WR	6-2	190	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Armstrong/Independence CC
5	Wright, Nay'Quan	RB	46	Brady, Jack	P	5-11	190	R-So.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Bolles School
5	Wilson, Kamari	S	17	Brown, Max	QB	6-1.50	200	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla.	Lincoln Christian
6	James, Shemar	ILB	88	Burke, Marcus	WR	6-3.75	183	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian Academy
7	Etienne, Trevor	RB	2	Burney, Amari	ILB	6-1.5	228	Sr.	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Calvary Christian
7	McClellan, Chris	DL	36	Capers, Bryce	OLB	6-3.75	231	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Riverside
8	Kimber, Jalen	CB	59	Clem, Hayden	OL	6-2	295	R-Fr.	Maitland, Fla.	Winter Park
8	Reynolds, Daejon	WR	20	Collier Jr., Corey	S	6-0.50	179	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Palmetto
9	Zipperer, Keon	TE	57	Conner, David	OL	6-5.25	295	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Deerfield Beach
9	Dexter, Gervon	DL	26	Crawshaw, Jeremy	P	6-3.75	198	So.	New South Wales, Australia	ProKick Australia
10	Mitchell, Miguel	S	33	Cross, Daniel	WR	6-0	174	R-Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	East River
10	Miller III, Jack	QB	60	Crozier, Jackson	OL	6-3.25	292	Fr.	Plantation, Fla.	Cardinal Gibbons
11	Young, Jordan	CB	41	Curtis, Justin	WR	5-10.75	189	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch / Stetson
12	Douglas, Caleb	WR	0	Dean III, Trey	S	6-2.50	207	Sr.	Hampton, Ga.	Dutchtown
12	Boone, Justus	DL	9	Dexter, Gervon	DL	6-5.5	312	So.	Lake Wales, Fla.	Lake Wales
13	Engel, Kyle	QB	12	Douglas, Caleb	WR	6-3	191	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas	Hightower
13	McMillon, Donovan	S	65	Eguakun, Kingsley	OL	6-3	301	R-So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Sandalwood
14	Borders, Chief	OLB	13	Engel, Kyle	QB	6-0.50	190	R-So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
15	Wingo, Derek	ILB	7	Etienne, Trevor	RB	5-8.75	217	Fr.	Jennings, La.	Jennings
15	Richardson, Anthony	QB	52	Farmer, Jalen	OL	6-4.5	334	Fr.	Covington, Ga.	Eastside
16	Bowman, Thai	WR	61	Flynn, Nicolas	OL	6-2.5	279	Fr.	Lake Forest, Ill.	Lake Forest
16	Johnson, Tre'Vez	S	0	Fraziars, Ja'Quavion	WR	6-3.50	212	So.	Dunnellon, Fla.	Dunnellon
17	Williams, Scooby	ILB	96	Freeman, Travis	K	5-11.25	203	R-So.	Lakewood Ranch, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch
17	Brown, Max	QB	19	Gonzalez, Alex	WR	5-10.75	188	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla.	Lehigh
18	Anders, Jack	QB	76	Gourage, Richard	OL	6-4.50	308	R-Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	Cambridge Christian
18	Zanders, Dante	TE	89	Hansen, Hayden	TE	6-6.25	256	Fr.	Weatherford, Texas	Weatherford
19	Gonzalez, Alex	WR	74	Harrod, Will	OL	6-4.25	325	R-So.	Clinton, Md.	National Christian Academy
20	Collier Jr., Corey	S	24	Helm, Avery	CB	6-0.75	170	So.	Missouri City, Texas	Fort Bend Marshall
21	Lingard, Lorenzo	RB	3	Henderson, Xzavier	WR	6-3.25	195	So.	Miami, Fla.	Columbus
21	Watson, Desmond	DL	79	Herman, Jordan	OL	6-8	370	So.	Fort Mill, S.C.	Fort Mill / Hutchinson CC
22	Torrence II, Rashad	S	23	Hill, Jaydon	CB	5-11.5	181	R-So.	Huntsville, Ala.	Bob Jones
22	Jackson, Kahleil	WR	66	Humphries, Jaelin	DL	6-3	328	R-So.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Mountain View
23	Hill, Jaydon	CB	85	Isacks III, Scott	TE	6-4	248	Fr.	New Orleans, La.	Metairie Park
24	Helm, Avery	CB	22	Jackson, Kahleil	WR	6-3	214	R-Fr.	Hawthorne, Fla.	Hawthorne
25	Pouncey, Ethan	CB	6	James, Shemar	ILB	6-1.25	210	Fr.	Mobile, Ala.	Faith Academy
26	Crawshaw, Jeremy	P	2	Johnson, Montrell	RB	5-11	218	So.	New Orleans, La.	De La Salle / Louisiana
27	Perkins, Jadarius	S	16	Johnson, Tre'Vez	S	5-10.75	194	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Bartram Trail
28	Moore, Devin	CB	38	Joseph, Carlson	RB	5-10.75	196	R-Fr.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	American Heritage
29	Ricks, Isaac	RB	48	Keeter, Noah	TE	6-5	230	R-So.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
29	Smack, Trey	K	8	Kimber, Jalen	CB	6-0	178	R-So.	Mansfield, Texas	Timberview / Georgia
30	Spierto, Taylor	WR	93	Landry, Keenan	DL	6-0.5	335	So.	Jennings, La.	Jennings / Mississippi Golf Coast CC
31	Rushing, Cruz	S	92	Lee, Jalen	DL	6-2.25	299	So.	Watson, La.	Live Oak
33	Umanmielen, Princely	DL	67	Leonard, Richie	OL	6-1.50	318	So.	Cocoa, Fla.	Cocoa
33	Cross, Daniel	WR	21	Lingard, Lorenzo	RB	6-0	209	R-Jr.	Orange City, Fla.	University
34	Savaiaa, Andrew	OLB	95	Lyons, Jamari	DL	6-3.5	298	Fr.	Cocoa, Fla.	Viera
35	Mitchell, Dakota	S	3	Marshall Jr., Jason	CB	6-0.50	198	So.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Palmetto
35	Sawyer, William	WR	7	McClellan, Chris	DL	6-3	305	Fr.	North Tulsa, Okla.	Owasso
36	Capers, Bryce	OLB	97	McDowell, Griffin	TE	6-4	288	R-Jr.	Leesburg, Ga.	Lee County
36	Barnes, Corneilus	WR	13	McMillon, Donovan	S	6-1	205	So.	McMurray, Pa.	Peters Township
37	Waxman, Tyler	P	49	Mihalek, Adam	K	6-2	193	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Wiregrass Ranch
37	Toombs, Javion	CB	51	Miller III, Jack	QB	6-2.50	211	R-Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz.	Chaparral / Ohio State
38	Rackley, Cahron	S	51	Miller, Ventrell	ILB	6-0	221	R-Sr.	Lakeland, Fla.	Kathleen
38	Joseph, Carlson	RB	35	Mitchell, Dakota	S	5-11	180	R-Fr.	Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park
40	Watkins, Jacob	P	10	Mitchell, Miguel	S	6-0.75	203	Fr.	Oxford, Ala.	Oxford
41	Curtis, Justin	WR	28	Moore, Devin	CB	6-2.75	198	Fr.	Naples, Fla.	Naples
42	Anyahie, Kenny	ILB	78	Mugharbil, Yousef	OL	6-4.50	311	R-Fr.	Murphy, N.C.	Murphy
42	Underwood, Rocco	LS	91	Norwood, Tyreik	DL	6-3	242	Gr.	Winchester, Tenn.	Franklin County / Kentucky Wesleyan
43	Webb, Curran	ILB	87	Odom, Jonathan	TE	6-5.25	237	So.	Tampa, Fla.	Jesuit
44	Pyburn, Jack	OLB								
45	Battle, Eddie	RB								
45	Ortiz, Marco	LS								
46	Brady, John	P								
47	Pelic, Justin	ILB								
48	Keeter, Noah	TE								
49	Mihalek, Adam	K								
51	Miller, Ventrell	ILB								



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45	Ortiz, Marco	LS	6-3.50	236	R-Jr.	Richmond, Va.	Benedictine
1	Pearsall, Ricky	WR	6-1	200	Jr.	Chandler, Ariz.	Corona Del Sol / Arizona State
47	Pelic, Justin	ILB	5-11.25	220	R-So.	Mount Pleasant, S.C.	Wando
27	Perkins, Jadarrius	S	6-0	186	Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Hattiesburg / Mississippi Gulf Coast CC
73	Pitts, Mark	OL	6-6	313	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
25	Pouncey, Ethan	CB	6-0.50	168	So.	Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park
86	Pouncey, Jordan	WR	6-0.75	217	R-Sr.	Winter Park, Fla.	Winter Park / Texas
52	Powell-Ryland Jr., Antwaun	OLB	6-2.50	243	So.	Portsmouth, Va.	Indian River
44	Pyburn, Jack	OLB	6-3	263	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	The Bolles
38	Rackley, Cahron	S	5-9.75	189	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla.	Miami Palmetto
4	Reese, David	OLB	6-1.25	238	R-Jr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Vero Beach
8	Reynolds, Daejon	WR	6-2	204	R-Fr.	Springfield, Ill.	Grayson
15	Richardson, Anthony	QB	6-3.50	232	So.	Gainesville, Fla.	Eastside
31	Rushing, Cruz	S	6-0.5	194	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz.	Salponite Catholic
29	Ricks, Isaac	RB	5-8	244	R-Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Terry Parker
94	Sapp, Tyreak	DL	6-2.50	263	R-Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
34	Savaiinaea, Andrew	OLB	6-2.75	261	Fr.	Graham, Wash.	Graham-Kapowsin
35	Sawyer, William	WR	6-0.75	185	R-So.	Gainesville, Fla.	Eastside
80	Sedaros, Zak	WR	5-10.25	180	Fr.	Melbourne, Fla.	Viera
4	Shorter, Justin	WR	6-3.75	223	R-Jr.	Monmouth Junction, N.J.	South Brunswick
64	Simonds, Riley	OL	6-3	289	R-So.	Buford, Ga.	Buford
66	Slaughter, Jake	OL	6-4.50	292	R-Fr.	Sparr, Fla.	Trinity Catholic
29	Smack, Trey	K	6-1	200	Fr.	Severna Park, Md.	Severna Park
30	Spierto, Taylor	WR	5-11	205	R-Fr.	Franklin, Tenn.	Franklin
99	Summerall III, Lloyd	OLB	6-5	231	R-So.	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland
70	Tarquin, Michael	OL	6-5	295	R-So.	Ocala, Fla.	North Marion
90	Thomas Jr., Chris	DL	6-5	314	R-Fr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	Dunbar
37	Toombs, Javion	CB	5-11	181	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Centennial
22	Torrence II, Rashad	S	5-11.75	202	So.	Atlanta, Ga.	Marietta
54	Torrence, O'Cyrus	OL	6-4.75	347	Jr.	Greensburg, La.	St. Helena Central / Louisiana
33	Umanmielen, Princely	DL	6-4.50	245	So.	Manor, Texas	Manor
42	Underwood, Rocco	LS	6-3	220	R-Fr.	Lake Mary, Fla.	Lake Mary
75	Waites, Kamryn	OL	6-8	373	R-Fr.	Dallas, Texas	Universal Academy / Louisiana
40	Watkins, Jacob	P	6-1	203	R-Sr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Buchholz
21	Watson, Desmond	DL	6-5	439	So.	Plant City, Fla.	Armwood
37	Waxman, Tyler	P	5-9	171	R-So.	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	West Broward
43	Webb, Curran	ILB	6-3	222	Fr.	Union County, Fla.	Union County
82	Weston, Ja'Markis	WR	6-2.50	212	R-So.	Clewiston, Fla.	Clewiston
77	White, Ethan	OL	6-3.75	331	Jr.	Clearwater, Fla.	Calvary Christian
53	Whitfield, Chase	LS	6-0.25	246	R-So.	Saint Cloud, Fla.	Harmony
56	Williams, Christian	OL	6-4.25	319	Fr.	Missouri City, Texas	Thurgood Marshall
17	Williams, Scooby	ILB	6-2.25	235	R-Fr.	Birmingham, Ala.	Ramsay
5	Wilson, Kamari	S	6-0	209	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla.	IMG Academy (Fla.)
15	Wingo, Derek	ILB	6-1.25	226	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	St. Thomas Aquinas
5	Wright, Nay'Quan	RB	5-8.75	202	R-So.	Opa-Locka, Fla.	Miami Carol City
11	Young, Jordan	CB	5-11.75	192	R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla.	Gaither
18	Zanders, Dante	TE	6-5	262	R-Jr.	Boca Raton, Fla.	Boca Raton
9	Zipperer, Keon	TE	6-1.25	246	Jr.	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland

52	Farmer, Jalen	OL
52	Powell-Ryland Jr., Antwaun	OLB
53	Whitfield, Chase	LS
54	Torrence, O'Cyrus	OL
56	Williams, Christian	OL
57	Conner, David	OL
58	Barber, Austin	OL
59	Clem, Hayden	OL
60	Crozier, Jackson	OL
61	Flynn, Nicolas	OL
64	Simonds, Riley	OL
65	Eguakun, Kingsley	OL
66	Slaughter, Jake	OL
66	Humphries, Jaelin	DL
67	Leonard, Richie	OL
70	Tarquin, Michael	OL
73	Pitts, Mark	OL
74	Harrod, Will	OL
75	Waites, Kamryn	OL
76	Gourraige, Richard	OL
77	White, Ethan	OL
78	Mugharbil, Yousef	OL
79	Herman, Jordan	OL
80	Sedaros, Zak	WR
81	Boardingham, Arlis	TE
82	Weston, Ja'Markis	WR
85	Isacks III, Scott	TE
86	Pouncey, Jordan	WR
87	Odom, Jonathan	TE
88	Burke, Marcus	WR
89	Hansen, Hayden	TE
90	Thomas Jr., Chris	DL
91	Norwood, Tyreik	DL
92	Lee, Jalen	DL
93	Landry, Keenan	DL
94	Sapp, Tyreak	DL
95	Lyons, Jamari	DL
96	Freeman, Travis	K
97	McDowell, Griffin	TE
99	Summerall III, Lloyd	OLB

#### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Amari Burney	ahh-MAR-ee
Gervon Dexter	Jer-vOn
Kingsley Eguakun	KINGS-lee EGG-WOO-kahhn
Richard Gourraige	Garage
Xzavier Henderson	X-Zay-vier
Princely Umanmielen	OO-man-me-ellen

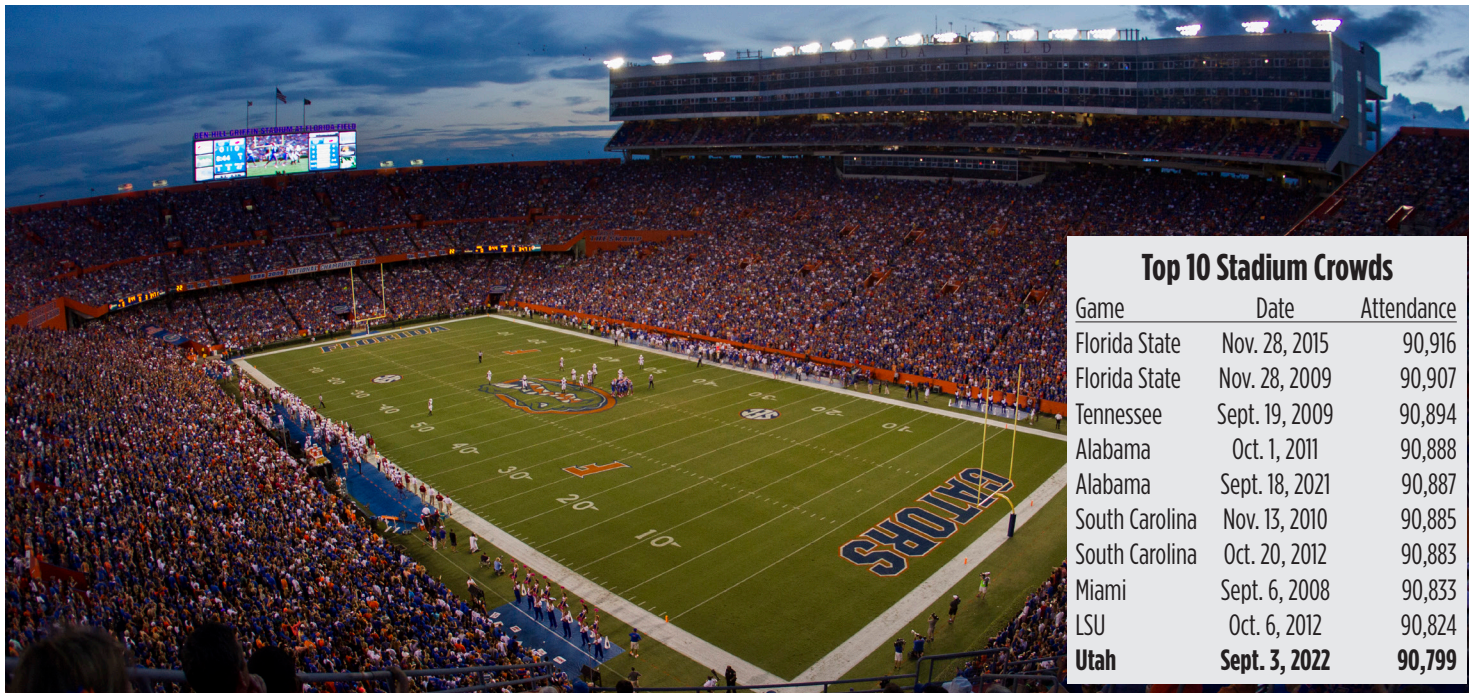
For pronunciation audio files, please contact Rick Hutado at RickH@gators.ufl.edu.

#### 2022 COACHING STAFF

Billy Napier	Head Coach
Patrick Toney	Co-Defensive Coordinator / Safeties
Rob Sale	Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Coach
Sean Spencer	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
Jabbar Juluke	Associate Head Coach - Offense / Running Backs
Corey Raymond	Assistant Head Coach - Defense / Cornerbacks
Keary Colbert	Wide Receivers
Darnell Stapleton	Offensive Line
William Peagler	Tight Ends
Mike Peterson	Outside Linebackers
Jay Bateman	Inside Linebackers
Mark Hocke	Associate Head Coach / Director of Strength and Conditioning



# STEVE SPURRIER - FLORIDA FIELD



## Top 10 Stadium Crowds

Game	Date	Attendance
Florida State	Nov. 28, 2015	90,916
Florida State	Nov. 28, 2009	90,907
Tennessee	Sept. 19, 2009	90,894
Alabama	Oct. 1, 2011	90,888
Alabama	Sept. 18, 2021	90,887
South Carolina	Nov. 13, 2010	90,885
South Carolina	Oct. 20, 2012	90,883
Miami	Sept. 6, 2008	90,833
LSU	Oct. 6, 2012	90,824
Utah	Sept. 3, 2022	90,799

## at BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM

June 9, 1992. Once The Gainesville Sun hit newstands that Tuesday, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium's fitting nickname came to life.

Steve Spurrier, entering season three as Gators head coach, called writer Mike Bianchi the day prior and pitched him the storyline. It was seven months after the Gators ended the 1991 regular season with consecutive wins over Kentucky (which clinched an undefeated SEC record and the first league title in school history) and a thrilling 14-9 defeat of No. 3 Florida State, snapping a four-game losing streak to the Seminoles. It also gave UF a perfect 12-0 home record under Spurrier.

"The 'Swamp' is where Gators live," Spurrier told Bianchi. "We feel comfortable there, but we hope our opponents feel tentative. A swamp is hot and sticky and can be dangerous."

Initially, the UF athletic department didn't embrace the nickname. No posters, bumper stickers or marketing campaigns were put together right away. But Spurrier continued to use it. Then he and then-UF communications director Norm Carlson did some research. Turns out, in 1930, UF President John J. Tigert selected the location for the school's football stadium and described the area as a "swampy depression." The school hired engineers to drain the area and install pipes that funneled water down the hill along North-South Drive and dumped it into what is now known as Graham Pond.

Needless to say, the nickname caught on, and Spurrier delivered the perfect quote for the athletic department to utilize once it eventually did embrace the moniker: "The 'Swamp' is a place where only Gators get out alive."

## Top Home Winning Percentages Since 1990 (FBS Programs)

	Team	Record	Win %
1.	Ohio State	196-26-1	.881
2.	<b>FLORIDA</b>	<b>174-34</b>	<b>.837</b>
3.	Oklahoma	166-33	.834
4.	Florida State	166-40-1	.804
5.	Michigan	175-44-1	.798
6.	Nebraska	173-51	.772
7.	Kansas State	171-51-1	.769
8.	Miami	160-49	.766

- Since 1990, Florida has outscored opponents, 7,828 to 3,369 in 208 games inside The Swamp, putting the average outcome at 37.6 to 16.2 (21.4 points).
- The Gators had two significant win streaks in The Swamp in the 1990s: a 23-game run from 1990-93, and a school-record 30-game streak from 1994-99.
- In 208 home games from 1990 through today, the Gators have...
  - Scored 50+ points.....53 times
  - Scored 40+ points.....87 times
  - Scored 30+ points.....139 times
  - Shut Out Opponents.....17 times
  - Allowed 3 points or less.....32 times
  - Allowed 14 points or less.....110 times
- Florida's school-record crowd of 90,916 on Nov. 28, 2015 marked the largest crowd ever to watch a football game in the state of Florida. The state has hosted 16 Super Bowls, four BCS National Championship Games and the 2017 and 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship Game.
- The largest crowd for a home opener was 90,799 (Sept. 3, 2022 - Utah). The 2005 opener vs. Wyoming remains the second-largest.







# SEASON STATS

FLORIDA VS OREGON STATE





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	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/03/2022	Utah	W	29-26	1-0	0-0	3:27	90799
*	09/10/2022	Kentucky	L	16-26	1-1	0-1	3:36	89993
	09/17/2022	South Fla.	W	31-28	2-1	0-1	3:29	88496
*	09/24/2022	at Tennessee	L	33-38	2-2	0-2	3:50	101916
	10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	W	52-17	3-2	0-2	3:08	72462
*	10/08/2022	Missouri	W	24-17	4-2	1-2	3:18	88472
*	10/15/2022	LSU	L	35-45	4-3	1-3	3:31	90585
*	10/29/2022	vs Georgia	L	20-42	4-4	1-4	3:40	75868
*	11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	W	41-24	5-4	2-4	3:29	97797
*	11/12/2022	South Carolina	W	38-6	6-4	3-4	3:30	89454
*	11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	L	24-31	6-5	3-5	3:24	30136
	11/25/2022	at Florida St.	L	38-45	6-6	3-5	3:54	79560



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Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
09/03/2022	Utah	39	283	4	45	17	168	0	23	17-24-0	168	0	23	5	81	0	20	0	0	0	0	451
09/10/2022	Kentucky	30	136	1	40	14	143	0	28	14-35-2	143	0	28	4	70	0	22	2	1	0	3	279
09/17/2022	South Fla.	30	217	3	62	10	112	0	33	10-18-2	112	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	329
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	42	141	3	14	24	453	2	44	24-45-1	453	2	44	3	44	0	23	0	0	0	0	594
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	28	274	4	76	16	392	3	75	16-22-1	392	3	75	1	24	0	24	3	23	0	15	666
10/08/2022	Missouri	32	231	1	41	8	66	1	20	8-14-1	66	1	20	0	0	0	0	1	48	0	48	297
10/15/2022	LSU	33	210	4	81	15	185	1	51	15-26-0	185	1	51	3	100	0	47	0	0	0	0	395
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	34	100	1	14	18	271	1	78	18-37-0	271	1	78	2	48	0	33	1	12	0	12	371
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	50	291	3	60	17	201	2	23	17-28-0	201	2	23	0	0	0	0	2	35	0	28	492
11/12/2022	South Carolina	54	374	3	85	13	141	2	27	13-25-0	141	2	27	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	11	515
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	21	45	0	15	25	400	3	74	25-43-1	400	3	74	2	41	0	21	1	-5	0	0	445
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	46	262	2	45	9	198	3	52	9-27-1	198	3	52	3	87	0	48	2	17	0	13	460
<b>Florida</b>		<b>439</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>186-344-9</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5294</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>468</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>223-370-9</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4990</b>

**Florida Averages**

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
12	5.8	14.7	132.8	21.5	8.7	501.1	441.2

Date	Opponent	ua	Tackles			Sacks no-yds	Fumble		Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off		
			a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts
09/03/2022	Utah	36	46	82	2.0-3	0-0	0	0-0	1-0	5	2	0	3-3	0	1	0	0	29
09/10/2022	Kentucky	30	38	68	5.0-21	3-18	0	0-0	1-0	7	2	0	0-0	0	1	1	8	16
09/17/2022	South Fla.	40	36	76	4.0-5	0-0	1	1-0	2-39	5	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	17	31
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	43	18	61	5.0-19	3-15	2	2-0	0-0	2	1	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	33
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	38	58	96	7.0-39	2-21	2	2-0	0-0	3	2	0	7-7	0	0	0	7	52
10/08/2022	Missouri	47	24	71	13.0-36	4-16	0	1-0	2-54	3	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	14	24
10/15/2022	LSU	39	26	65	3.0-11	1-8	0	1-0	0-0	4	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	35
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	31	44	75	3.0-9	0-0	1	1-0	2-0	6	4	0	2-2	0	0	0	10	20
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	35	14	49	6.0-26	2-12	2	2-0	0-0	5	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	41
11/12/2022	South Carolina	28	22	50	7.0-30	3-24	3	3-16	0-0	6	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	7	38
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	28	52	80	5.0-10	1-2	1	1-0	1-0	1	3	0	0-1	0	0	0	0	24
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	27	36	63	7.0-19	2-9	2	1-0	0-0	1	7	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38
<b>Florida</b>		<b>422</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>67.0-228</b>	<b>21-125</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12-16</b>	<b>9-93</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42-43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>373</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>48.0-165</b>	<b>13-74</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5-47</b>	<b>9-125</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40-40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>345</b>

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
09/03/2022	Utah	3	120	40.0	42	0	0	2	0	2	0-0	0	0	5	305	61.0	3	0	
09/10/2022	Kentucky	5	237	47.4	54	0	0	3	1	3	2-2	50	0	4	258	64.5	3	1	
09/17/2022	South Fla.	2	86	43.0	54	0	0	0	1	0	1-1	31	0	6	388	64.7	2	0	
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	1	49	49.0	49	0	0	0	0	1	0-1	0	0	4	249	62.3	1	0	
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-2	36	1	9	578	64.2	6	0	
10/08/2022	Missouri	1	42	42.0	42	0	0	1	0	1	1-3	37	0	5	325	65.0	4	0	
10/15/2022	LSU	2	112	56.0	62	0	0	0	2	2	0-0	0	0	6	382	63.7	3	0	
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	6	278	46.3	58	0	1	0	2	1	2-2	52	0	5	310	62.0	2	0	
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	3	134	44.7	47	0	0	3	0	1	2-3	50	0	8	503	62.9	3	0	
11/12/2022	South Carolina	2	116	58.0	67	0	0	0	1	1	1-2	28	1	7	432	61.7	5	0	
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	3	139	46.3	58	0	0	1	1	2	2-2	44	0	5	314	62.8	3	0	
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	3	139	46.3	52	0	0	1	1	0	1-1	41	0	7	442	63.1	6	1	
Florida		31	1452	46.8	67	0	1	11	9	14	13-19	52	2	71	4486	63.2	41	2	





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	UF	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>345</b>
Points per game	31.8	28.8
Points Off Turnovers	70	42
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>272</b>
Rushing	110	124
Passing	120	130
Penalty	17	18
<b>Rushing Yardage</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>2114</b>
Yards gained rushing	2763	2378
Yards lost rushing	199	264
Rushing attempts	439	468
Average per rush	5.8	4.5
Average per game	213.7	176.2
TDs Rushing	29	26
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>2876</b>
Comp-Att-Int	186-344-9	223-370-9
Average per pass	7.9	7.8
Average per catch	14.7	12.9
Average per game	227.5	239.7
TDs Passing	18	16
<b>Total offense</b>	<b>5294</b>	<b>4990</b>
Total plays	783	838
Average per play	6.8	6.0
Average per game	441.2	415.8
<b>Kick returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>23-495</b>	<b>20-423</b>
<b>Punt returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>15-131</b>	<b>10-83</b>
<b>Int returns: #-Yards</b>	<b>9-93</b>	<b>9-125</b>
<b>Kick return average</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>Punt return average</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Int return average</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Fumbles Lost</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Penalties-Yards</b>	<b>78-569</b>	<b>66-527</b>
Average per game	47.4	43.9
<b>Punts-Yards</b>	<b>31-1452</b>	<b>37-1573</b>
Average per punt	46.8	42.5
Net punt average	43.5	37.2
<b>Kickoffs-Yards</b>	<b>71-4486</b>	<b>71-4486</b>
Average per kick	63.2	63.2
Net kick average	39.7	40.0
<b>Time of possession / game</b>	<b>28:56</b>	<b>31:04</b>
<b>3rd-down conversion</b>	<b>63/154</b>	<b>80/163</b>
3rd-down pct	41%	49%
<b>4rd-down conversion</b>	<b>15/32</b>	<b>9/22</b>



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	UF	OPP
4rd-down pct	47%	41%
<b>Sacks by-Yards</b>	<b>21-125</b>	<b>13-74</b>
<b>Misc Yards</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Touchdowns scored</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Field goals - attempts</b>	<b>13-19</b>	<b>13-16</b>
<b>On-Side kicks</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Red-zone scores</b>	<b>(38-50) 76%</b>	<b>(42-50) 84%</b>
<b>Red-zone touchdowns</b>	<b>(31-50) 62%</b>	<b>(32-50) 64%</b>
<b>PAT-attempts</b>	<b>(42-43) 98%</b>	<b>(40-40) 100%</b>
<b>2-point conversion-attempts</b>	<b>(2-6) 33%</b>	<b>(1-4) 25%</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>610261</b>	<b>309409</b>
Games / Avg per game	7/87180	4/77352
Neutral site games	-	1/75868

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Florida	106	105	68	102	0	381
Opponents	69	121	90	65	0	345





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**Team Defense**

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
0	Trey Dean III	11	44	33	77	3.5-5	0.5-0	.	4	1	2-8	.	.	.
22	Rashad Torrence II	11	46	30	76	.	.	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
51	Ventrell Miller	11	34	40	74	8.5-16	.	.	2	7	1-0	2	.	.
2	Amari Burney	12	38	33	71	9-36	4-24	2-0	4	4	1-0	2	.	.
9	Gervon Dexter Sr.	12	22	28	50	4-9	2-6	1-0	1	4	.	.	.	.
6	Shemar James	12	14	26	40	2-9	2-9	.	.	3	1-0	1	.	.
33	Princely Umanmielen	12	15	23	38	8.5-49	3.5-34	.	.	5	.	2	.	.
1	Brenton Cox Jr.	8	15	20	35	8-28	2-14	.	1	9	.	.	.	.
5	Kamari Wilson	12	15	18	33	1.5-3	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
52	Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.	12	11	16	27	6-22	3-16	.	1	4	.	3	.	.
3	Jason Marshall Jr.	12	20	7	27	1-2	.	1-0	7	1	.	.	.	.
16	Tre'Vez Johnson	12	21	5	26	2-5	.	1-0	2	.	2-0	.	.	.
23	Jaydon Hill	8	15	8	23	0.5-1	0.5-1	2-54	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
21	Desmond Watson	12	8	15	23	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	1-8	1	.	.
12	Justus Boone	12	10	12	22	1-7	1-7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
7	Chris McClellan	12	6	15	21	2.5-6	1.5-4	.	.	1	1-0	.	.	.
13	Donovan McMillon	12	12	8	20	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	Tyreak Sapp	12	8	11	19	0.5-1	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
15	Derek Wingo	11	4	12	16	1-10	1-10	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
10	Miguel Mitchell	12	8	6	14	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
8	Jalen Kimber	12	8	5	13	.	.	1-39	1	.	.	.	.	.
17	Scooby Williams	8	4	9	13	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27	Jadarrius Perkins	11	10	2	12	2-5	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Avery Helm	10	4	4	8	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
92	Jalen Lee	12	.	8	8	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99	Lloyd Summerall III	11	2	4	6	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
28	Devin Moore	5	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Jordan Young	9	3	3	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
15	Anthony Richardson	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	Diwun Black	4	3	.	3	1-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
16	Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Chief Borders	12	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	David Reese	12	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Kamar Wilcoxson	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
25	Ethan Pouncey	3	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
66	Jaelin Humphries	4	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44	Jack Pyburn	7	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Ja'Quavion Frazier	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	Corey Collier Jr.	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Chris Thomas Jr.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	Ja'Markis Weston	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.



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			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd		
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
4	Justin Shorter	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Jamari Lyons	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	Nay'Quan Wright	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Jeremy Crawshaw	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42	Rocco Underwood	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
49	Adam Mihalek	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Marco Ortiz	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3	Xzavier Henderson	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2-0	.	.	.
Totals		12	422	414	836	67-228	21-125	9-93	29	48	15-16	14	0	1
Opponents		12	373	394	767	48-165	13-74	9-125	29	52	5-47	8	2	0





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**Florida - Game Highs**

<b>RUSHES</b>	54	South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	374	South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	9.8	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	4 4 4	LSU (10/15/2022) Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022) Utah (09/03/2022)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	45	at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	25	at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	453	at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	17.8	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	3 3 3	at Florida St. (11/25/2022) at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022) Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	87	at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	666	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	13.3	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>POINTS</b>	52	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	4	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	31	at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	10 10 10	at Florida St. (11/25/2022) at Texas A&M (11/05/2022) at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	91	at Florida St. (11/25/2022)
<b>TURNOVERS</b>	2 2 2 2 2	Missouri (10/08/2022) at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022) at Tennessee (09/24/2022) South Fla. (09/17/2022) Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>PUNTS</b>	6	vs Georgia (N) (10/29/2022)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	58.0	South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	67	South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	48	Missouri (10/08/2022)



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**Florida - Game Lows**

<b>RUSHES</b>	21	at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	45	at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>YARDS PER RUSH</b>	2.1	at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	0	at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	14	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	8	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	66	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>YARDS PER PASS</b>	4.1	Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	0 0 0	Kentucky (09/10/2022) South Fla. (09/17/2022) Utah (09/03/2022)
<b>TOTAL PLAYS</b>	46	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	279	Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>YARDS PER PLAY</b>	4.3	Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>POINTS</b>	16	Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>SACKS BY</b>	0 0 0	vs Georgia (N) (10/29/2022) South Fla. (09/17/2022) Utah (09/03/2022)
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>PENALTIES</b>	1	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>PENALTY YARDS</b>	5	Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS BY</b>	0 0 0 0 0 0	at Florida St. (11/25/2022) South Carolina (11/12/2022) at Texas A&M (11/05/2022) LSU (10/15/2022) Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022) at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>PUNTS</b>	0	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	0.0	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	0	Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	0 0 0	at Florida St. (11/25/2022) Eastern Wash. (10/02/2022) South Fla. (09/17/2022)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	0 0 0 0 0	at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022) LSU (10/15/2022) at Tennessee (09/24/2022) South Fla. (09/17/2022) Utah (09/03/2022)





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<b>RUSHES</b>	24	Montrell Johnson Jr. vs South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>YARDS RUSHING</b>	161	Montrell Johnson Jr. vs South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>TD RUSHES</b>	3	Anthony Richardson vs Utah (09/03/2022)
<b>LONG RUSH</b>	85	Trevor Etienne vs South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>PASS ATTEMPTS</b>	44	Anthony Richardson at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>PASS COMPLETIONS</b>	25	Anthony Richardson at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>YARDS PASSING</b>	453	Anthony Richardson at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>TD PASSES</b>	3 3	Anthony Richardson at Florida St. (11/25/2022) Anthony Richardson at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>LONG PASS</b>	78	Anthony Richardson vs Georgia (N) (10/29/2022)
<b>RECEPTIONS</b>	8 8	Justin Shorter at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022) Daejon Reynolds at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>YARDS RECEIVING</b>	165	Daejon Reynolds at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>TD RECEPTIONS</b>	2 2	Ricky Pearsall at Florida St. (11/25/2022) Daejon Reynolds at Vanderbilt (11/19/2022)
<b>LONG RECEPTION</b>	78	Xzavier Henderson vs Georgia (N) (10/29/2022)
<b>PUNTS</b>	6	Jeremy Crawshaw vs Georgia (N) (10/29/2022)
<b>PUNTING AVG</b>	58.0	Jeremy Crawshaw vs South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>LONG PUNT</b>	67	Jeremy Crawshaw vs South Carolina (11/12/2022)
<b>PUNTS INSIDE 20</b>	3	Jeremy Crawshaw vs Kentucky (09/10/2022)
<b>LONG PUNT RETURN</b>	48	Xzavier Henderson vs Missouri (10/08/2022)
<b>LONG KICKOFF RETURN</b>	48	Trevor Etienne at Florida St. (11/25/2022)
<b>TACKLES</b>	13	Rashad Torrence II at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>SACKS</b>	2	Amari Burney at Tennessee (09/24/2022)
<b>TACKLES FOR LOSS</b>	3 3	Princely Umanmielen vs Missouri (10/08/2022) Brenton Cox Jr. vs Missouri (10/08/2022)



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## Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Montrell Johnson Jr.	12	144	871	44	827	5.7	10	62	68.9
Trevor Etienne	12	110	716	11	705	6.4	6	85	58.8
Anthony Richardson	12	103	740	86	654	6.3	9	81	54.5
Nay'Quan Wright	7	47	199	9	190	4.0	2	14	27.1
Ricky Pearsall	12	7	119	4	115	16.4	1	76	9.6
Lorenzo Lingard	10	10	75	0	75	7.5	1	20	7.5
Eddie Battle	1	2	32	0	32	16.0	0	26	32.0
Jalen Kitna	4	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	1.5
Carlson Joseph	1	2	5	0	5	2.5	0	4	5.0
Jeremy Crawshaw	12	1	0	10	-10	-10.0	0	0	-0.8
Team	12	12	0	35	-35	-2.9	0	0	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>2763</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>213.7</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>2378</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>176.2</b>

## Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Anthony Richardson	12	131.0	176-327-9	53.8	2549	17	78	212.4
Jalen Kitna	4	203.6	10-14-0	71.4	181	1	62	45.3
Montrell Johnson Jr.	12	0.0	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Team	12	0.0	0-2-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>132.8</b>	<b>186-344-9</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>227.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>223-370-9</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>239.7</b>

## Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Xzavier Henderson	10	38	410	10.8	2	78	41.0
Justin Shorter	9	29	577	19.9	2	75	64.1
Ricky Pearsall	12	29	596	20.6	5	52	49.7
Keon Zipperer	8	13	177	13.6	1	44	22.1
Daejon Reynolds	8	11	244	22.2	2	74	30.5
Montrell Johnson Jr.	12	11	64	5.8	1	18	5.3
Dante Zanders	12	10	75	7.5	0	12	6.3
Caleb Douglas	7	8	150	18.8	2	62	21.4
Trevor Etienne	12	8	57	7.1	0	26	4.8
Jonathan Odom	8	5	45	9.0	2	21	5.6
Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	11	5	85	17.0	0	34	7.7
Ja'Quavion Frazier	9	4	50	12.5	1	19	5.6
Trent Whittemore	7	4	87	21.8	0	33	12.4
Marcus Burke	8	4	30	7.5	0	14	3.8
Jordan Pouncey	10	2	4	2.0	0	6	0.4
Lorenzo Lingard	10	2	22	11.0	0	15	2.2
Kahleil Jackson	5	2	43	21.5	0	23	8.6
Nay'Quan Wright	7	1	14	14.0	0	14	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>227.5</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>239.7</b>

## Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Xzavier Henderson	11	108	9.8	0	48
Ricky Pearsall	3	28	9.3	0	13
Jason Marshall Jr.	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>

## Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Amari Burney	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jaydon Hill	2	54	27.0	1	49
Jalen Kimber	1	39	39.0	1	39
Gervon Dexter Sr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tre'Vez Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jason Marshall Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jadarrius Perkins	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>

## Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Trevor Etienne	13	330	25.4	0	48
Xzavier Henderson	7	111	15.9	0	23
Ja'Markis Weston	3	54	18.0	0	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>

## Fumble Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Trey Dean III	2	8	4.0	0	8
Desmond Watson	1	8	8.0	0	8
Xzavier Henderson	2	0	0.0	0	0
Tre'Vez Johnson	2	0	0.0	0	0
Ventrell Miller	1	0	0.0	0	0
Amari Burney	1	0	0.0	0	0
Lloyd Summerall III	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jaydon Hill	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rashad Torrence II	1	0	0.0	0	0
Rocco Underwood	1	0	0.0	0	0
Shemar James	1	0	0.0	0	0
Chris McClellan	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>





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**Scoring**

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
Adam Mihalek	-	13-19	42-43	-	-	-	-	-	81
Montrell Johnson Jr.	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66
Anthony Richardson	9	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	54
Trevor Etienne	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	38
Ricky Pearsall	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
Nay'Quan Wright	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Justin Shorter	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Xzavier Henderson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jonathan Odom	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Daejon Reynolds	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Caleb Douglas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Ja'Quavion Fraziers	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8
Keon Zipperer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jaydon Hill	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Lorenzo Lingard	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jalen Kimber	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13-19</b>	<b>42-43</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>381</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>13-16</b>	<b>40-40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>345</b>

**Total Offense**

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Anthony Richardson	12	430	654	2549	3203	266.9
Montrell Johnson Jr.	12	145	827	0	827	68.9
Trevor Etienne	12	110	705	0	705	58.8
Nay'Quan Wright	7	47	190	0	190	27.1
Jalen Kitna	4	15	6	181	187	46.8
Ricky Pearsall	12	7	115	0	115	9.6
Lorenzo Lingard	10	10	75	0	75	7.5
Eddie Battle	1	2	32	0	32	32.0
Carlson Joseph	1	2	5	0	5	5.0
Jeremy Crawshaw	12	1	-10	0	-10	-0.8
Team	12	0	-35	0	-35	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>5294</b>	<b>441.2</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>4990</b>	<b>415.8</b>

**Punting**

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jeremy Crawshaw	31	1452	46.8	67	1	11	14	9	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>46.8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1573</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>

**Field Goals**

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Adam Mihalek	13-19	68.4	0-0	4-5	4-5	2-4	3-5	52	2
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>13-16</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>5-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>0</b>

**Kickoffs**

Player	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydl
Adam Mihalek	41	2572	62.7	24	2			
Trey Smack	30	1914	63.8	17	0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4486</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>4486</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25</b>

**FG Sequence**

Team Name	Florida	Opponents
Kentucky	(39),(50)	(24),38,(26)
South Fla.	(31)	(22),(49),49
Tennessee	50	(32)
Eastern Wash.	(36),46	(44)
Missouri	(37),50,47	(28)
Georgia	(52),(26)	
Texas A&M	(50),(24),28	(24)
South Carolina	(28),36	
Vanderbilt	(26),(44)	(27)
Florida St.	(41)	37,(46)
Utah		(43),(31)
LSU		(47)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made



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Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Trevor Etienne	12	705	57	0	330	0	1092	91.0
Montrell Johnson Jr.	12	827	64	0	0	0	891	74.3
Ricky Pearsall	12	115	596	28	0	0	739	61.6
Anthony Richardson	12	654	0	0	0	0	654	54.5
Xzavier Henderson	10	0	410	108	111	0	629	62.9
Justin Shorter	9	0	577	0	0	0	577	64.1
Daejon Reynolds	8	0	244	0	0	0	244	30.5
Nay'Quan Wright	7	190	14	0	0	0	204	29.1
Keon Zipperer	8	0	177	0	0	0	177	22.1
Caleb Douglas	7	0	150	0	0	0	150	21.4
Lorenzo Lingard	10	75	22	0	0	0	97	9.7
Trent Whittemore	7	0	87	0	0	0	87	12.4
Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	11	0	85	0	0	0	85	7.7
Dante Zanders	12	0	75	0	0	0	75	6.3
Ja'Markis Weston	11	0	0	0	54	0	54	4.9
Jaydon Hill	8	0	0	0	0	54	54	6.8
Ja'Quavion Fraziers	9	0	50	0	0	0	50	5.6
Jonathan Odom	8	0	45	0	0	0	45	5.6
Kahleil Jackson	5	0	43	0	0	0	43	8.6
Jalen Kimber	12	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.3
Eddie Battle	1	32	0	0	0	0	32	32.0
Marcus Burke	8	0	30	0	0	0	30	3.8
Jalen Kitna	4	6	0	0	0	0	6	1.5
Carlson Joseph	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	5.0
Jordan Pouncey	10	0	4	0	0	0	4	0.4
Jason Marshall Jr.	12	0	0	-5	0	0	-5	-0.4
Jeremy Crawshaw	12	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-0.8
Team	12	-35	0	0	0	0	-35	-2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2564</b>	<b>2730</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>6013</b>	<b>501.1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2114</b>	<b>2876</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>5621</b>	<b>468.4</b>





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##	Player	GP-GS	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
0	Trey Dean III	11/11	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
0	Ja'Quavion Fraziers	9/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...	...	...
1	Ricky Pearsall	12/9	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
1	Brenton Cox Jr.	8/8	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...	...
2	Amari Burney	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
2	Montrell Johnson Jr.	12/8	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
3	Xzavier Henderson	10/10	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...
3	Jason Marshall Jr.	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
4	David Reese	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
4	Justin Shorter	9/9	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	START	...
5	Nay'Quan Wright	7/4	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
5	Kamari Wilson	12/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
6	Shemar James	12/3	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
7	Trevor Etienne	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
7	Chris McClellan	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Jalen Kimber	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
8	Daejon Reynolds	8/1	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	START
9	Keon Zipperer	8/7	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	...	...
9	Gervon Dexter Sr.	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
10	Jack Miller III	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Miguel Mitchell	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX
11	Jordan Young	9/0	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
11	Jalen Kitna	4/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX
12	Justus Boone	12/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Caleb Douglas	7/2	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START
13	Kyle Engel	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
13	Donovan McMillon	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
14	Trent Whittemore	7/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
14	Chief Borders	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
15	Anthony Richardson	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
15	Derek Wingo	11/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START
16	Tre'Vez Johnson	12/9	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START
16	Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
17	Scooby Williams	8/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX
17	Max Brown	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Dante Zanders	12/8	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	START	START	START
18	Jack Anders	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Alex Gonzalez	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Corey Collier Jr.	4/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
21	Lorenzo Lingard	10/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...
21	Desmond Watson	12/9	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
22	Kahleil Jackson	5/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX
22	Rashad Torrence II	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	...
23	Jaydon Hill	8/8	...	...	...	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
24	Avery Helm	10/4	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...
25	Ethan Pouncey	3/0	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
26	Jeremy Crawshaw	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
26	Kamar Wilcoxson	2/0	...	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Jadarrius Perkins	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...
28	Devin Moore	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Isaac Ricks	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	Trey Smack	6/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX
30	Diwun Black	4/0	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	Taylor Spierto	1/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	Cruz Rushing	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Daniel Cross	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Princely Umanmielen	12/10	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
34	Andrew Savaiinaea	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	William Sawyer	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	Dakota Mitchell	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...



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##	Player	GP-GS	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
36	Cornelius Barnes	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Bryce Capers	2/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX
37	Tyler Waxman	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	Javion Toombs	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	Carlson Joseph	1/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	Cahron Rackley	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Jacob Watkins	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Justin Curtis	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Kenneth Anyaehie	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Rocco Underwood	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
43	Curran Webb	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	Jack Pyburn	7/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX
45	Marco Ortiz	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	Eddie Battle	1/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	Jack Brady	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	Justin Pelic	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	Noah Keeter	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
49	Adam Mihalek	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
51	Ventrell Miller	11/10	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX
52	Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.	12/4	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START
52	Jalen Farmer	2/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
53	Chase Whitfield	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
54	O'Cyrus Torrence	11/11	START	START	START	START	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	START
56	Christian Williams	2/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
57	David Conner	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
58	Austin Barber	12/5	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
59	Hayden Clem	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	Jackson Crozier	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
61	Nicolas Flynn	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64	Riley Simonds	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	Kingsley Eguakun	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
66	Jaelin Humphries	4/0	...	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
66	Jake Slaughter	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
67	Richie Leonard IV	11/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
70	Michael Tarquin	8/7	START	START	...	...	...	...	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
72	Josh Braun	2/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	Mark Pitts	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
74	Will Harrod	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
75	Kamryn Waites	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
76	Richard Gouraige	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
77	Ethan White	12/12	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
78	Yousef Mugharbil	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	Jordan Herman	2/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
80	Zak Sedaros	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
81	Arlis Boardingham	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
82	Ja'Markis Weston	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
84	Nick Elksnis	5/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	Scott Isacks III	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
86	Jordan Pouncey	10/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
87	Jonathan Odom	8/0	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
88	Marcus Burke	8/1	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	...
89	Hayden Hansen	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
90	Chris Thomas Jr.	1/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
91	Tyreik Norwood	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
92	Jalen Lee	12/3	START	START	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
93	Keenan Landry	1/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
94	Tyreek Sapp	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
95	Jamari Lyons	2/0	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
96	Travis Freeman	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
97	Griffin McDowell	3/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...
##	Player	GP-GS	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
99	Lloyd Summerall III	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX



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**Total Tackles**

Player	S-A	Total	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
Trey Dean III	44-33	77	6-6	4-5	6-3	3-3	DNP	6-1	2-2	3-2	6-1	1-0	3-5	4-5
Rashad Torrence II	46-30	76	5-2	4-3	2-6	11-2	5-5	1-3	4-2	6-5	3-2	2-0	3-0	DNP
Ventrell Miller	34-40	74	3-6	2-4	DNP	4-2	0-8	10-1	5-4	0-5	3-1	4-0	3-8	0-1
Amari Burney	38-33	71	6-1	1-3	3-2	7-1	3-1	2-6	4-4	4-3	-	1-3	4-6	3-3
Gervon Dexter Sr.	22-28	50	2-3	3-4	-	1-0	1-3	3-1	5-3	2-2	3-3	0-3	1-5	1-1
Shemar James	14-26	40	0-4	1-6	1-2	3-0	0-8	2-0	1-0	1-3	1-0	2-1	0-2	2-0
Princely Umanmielen	15-23	38	0-3	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-2	4-2	-	1-0	2-1	0-2	1-4	1-5
Brenton Cox Jr.	15-20	35	3-7	0-2	5-4	0-1	2-1	3-2	2-1	0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kamari Wilson	15-18	33	0-2	1-1	-	2-3	3-2	1-2	2-1	-	-	1-1	0-3	5-3
Jason Marshall Jr.	20-7	27	1-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	1-0	-	1-0	3-3	3-1	1-0	2-1	3-1
Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.	11-16	27	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	-	-	-	1-3	3-3	1-0	3-3	1-2
Tre'Vez Johnson	21-5	26	3-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	3-1	2-1	3-0	2-0	1-0	-	1-1
Jaydon Hill	15-8	23	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-3	3-0	5-1	1-1	-	3-0	2-2	0-1
Desmond Watson	8-15	23	1-1	-	2-1	0-3	-	-	0-1	2-1	-	1-2	1-2	1-4
Justus Boone	10-12	22	-	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-3	0-1	3-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	-
Chris McClellan	6-15	21	-	-	0-3	2-2	0-1	2-1	1-1	0-3	-	0-1	0-2	1-1
Donovan McMillon	12-8	20	1-1	0-1	-	1-0	3-2	-	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-0	-	1-2
Tyreak Sapp	8-11	19	0-3	1-2	1-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-1	-	-	2-0	1-1	-
Derek Wingo	4-12	16	-	-	-	DNP	0-4	-	-	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-5	1-1
Miguel Mitchell	8-6	14	-	-	3-0	-	2-2	1-0	0-1	-	-	0-3	1-0	1-0
Jalen Kimber	8-5	13	1-1	-	1-2	-	-	2-0	-	1-1	2-0	1-1	-	-
Scooby Williams	4-9	13	-	0-1	1-3	1-0	1-2	-	DNP	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1
Jadarrius Perkins	10-2	12	1-1	1-1	1-0	-	1-0	3-0	-	1-0	2-0	-	-	DNP
Avery Helm	4-4	8	0-1	2-0	1-1	-	-	0-1	0-1	-	1-0	-	DNP	DNP
Jalen Lee	0-8	8	0-1	-	-	-	0-4	0-1	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-
Devin Moore	4-2	6	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jordan Young	3-3	6	DNP	DNP	2-0	-	0-1	DNP	-	-	-	0-1	0-1	1-0
Lloyd Summerall III	2-4	6	-	-	-	-	2-0	-	0-1	DNP	-	-	-	0-3
Anthony Richardson	3-0	3	1-0	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diwun Black	3-0	3	-	-	DNP	-	3-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Thai Chiaoqhiao-Bowman	2-1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	1-0	-	-	DNP
Kamar Wilcoxson	2-0	2	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	2-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jack Pyburn	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	DNP	-	-
Ethan Pouncey	2-0	2	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0	DNP	DNP
David Reese	1-1	2	0-1	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chief Borders	0-2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-
Jaelin Humphries	0-2	2	DNP	-	0-1	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP
Justin Shorter	1-0	1	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Ja'Quavion Fraziers	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Adam Mihalek	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Nay'Quan Wright	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP
Corey Collier Jr.	1-0	1	-	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Jeremy Crawshaw	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-
Rocco Underwood	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-
Ja'Markis Weston	0-1	1	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
Chris Thomas Jr.	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jamari Lyons	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Marco Ortiz	0-1	1	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP





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**Rushing**

Player	No-Yds/TD	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
Montrell Johnson Jr.	144-827/10	12-75/1	7-62/0	6-103/1	8-18/1	5-24/1	8-86/1	13-57/2	11-24/0	22-100/1	24-161/1	11-32/0	17-85/1
Trevor Etienne	110-705/6	5-64/0	9-46/1	8-56/1	9-35/0	4-22/0	10-83/0	8-28/1	11-53/1	17-80/0	8-100/1	4-9/0	17-129/1
Anthony Richardson	103-654/9	11-106/3	6-4/0	7-24/0	17-62/2	1-45/0	5-45/0	9-109/1	11-19/0	7-78/2	15-96/1	4-25/0	10-41/0
Nay'Quan Wright	47-190/2	10-39/0	8-24/0	6-37/1	8-26/0	7-27/1	5-22/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-15/0	DNP	DNP
Lorenzo Lingard	10-75/1	-	-	-	-	5-45/1	-	3-16/0	1-4/0	-	1-10/0	DNP	DNP
Ricky Pearsall	7-115/1	-	-	-	-	1-76/1	-	-	-	3-34/0	1-7/0	1--3/0	1-1/0
Eddie Battle	2-32/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-32/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Carlson Joseph	2-5/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-5/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jalen Kitna	1-6/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	1-6/0
Jeremy Crawshaw	1--10/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1--10/0	-	-

**Receiving**

Player	No-Yds/TD	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
Xzavier Henderson	38-410/2	6-41/0	6-50/0	3-3/0	4-68/0	2-40/1	2-8/0	4-42/0	5-110/1	4-33/0	2-15/0	DNP	DNP
Ricky Pearsall	29-596/5	4-67/0	2-39/0	1-14/0	5-103/1	1-22/0	1-9/1	2-49/0	3-38/0	3-65/0	1-15/1	1-27/0	5-148/2
Justin Shorter	29-577/2	2-25/0	2-26/0	2-33/0	7-155/0	1-75/1	1-20/0	3-71/1	3-66/0	DNP	DNP	8-106/0	DNP
Keon Zipperer	13-177/1	1-7/0	2-21/0	3-29/0	3-62/1	2-47/0	1-5/0	1-6/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Daejon Reynolds	11-244/2	1-5/0	-	DNP	-	2-74/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	8-165/2	-
Montrell Johnson Jr.	11-64/1	1-14/0	1-3/0	-	-	1-1/0	1-5/0	2-5/0	1-7/0	2-20/0	1-6/0	1-3/1	-
Dante Zanders	10-75/0	-	1-4/0	-	2-18/0	-	1-12/0	1-4/0	1-4/0	1-8/0	1-11/0	1-3/0	1-11/0
Caleb Douglas	8-150/2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-62/1	DNP	-	-	3-25/1	3-53/0	1-10/0	-
Trevor Etienne	8-57/0	2-9/0	-	-	-	1-1/0	-	1-1/0	3-20/0	-	-	1-26/0	-
Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	5-85/0	-	-	-	1-16/0	-	-	-	1-12/0	-	-	3-57/0	DNP
Jonathan Odom	5-45/2	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	2-6/1	-	3-39/1
Trent Whittemore	4-87/0	-	-	1-33/0	2-31/0	1-23/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP
Ja'Quavion Fraziers	4-50/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4-50/1	DNP	DNP	DNP
Marcus Burke	4-30/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-7/0	-	1-14/0	-	1-6/0	1-3/0	DNP
Kahleil Jackson	2-43/0	-	-	DNP	DNP	1-20/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-23/0	DNP	-
Lorenzo Lingard	2-22/0	-	-	-	-	1-15/0	-	1-7/0	-	-	-	DNP	DNP
Jordan Pouncey	2-4/0	-	-	DNP	DNP	1--2/0	-	-	-	-	1-6/0	-	-
Nay'Quan Wright	1-14/0	-	-	-	-	1-14/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP



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Player	UA-A	Total	Utah	UK	USF	UT	EWU	MIZ	LSU	UGa	TA&M	USC	Vandy	FSU
Amari Burney	4-0	4	-	1-10	-	2-9	1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Princely Umanmielen	3-1	3.5	-	-	-	-	1-16	1-6	-	-	1-9	0.5-3	-	-
Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.	3-0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	1-7	-	1-6
Brenton Cox Jr.	2-0	2	-	-	-	-	-	1-6	1-8	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Shemar James	2-0	2	-	-	-	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3
Gervon Dexter Sr.	1-2	2	-	0.5-1	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	0.5-4	-	-
Chris McClellan	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	-
Justus Boone	1-0	1	-	1-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derek Wingo	1-0	1	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	1-10	-	-
Trey Dean III	0-1	0.5	-	0.5-0	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaydon Hill	0-1	0.5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-1	-



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Date	Opponent	Score	Times		Total	Rush		Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored		Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half Game
09/03/2022	Utah	W 29-26	3	3	22	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/10/2022	Kentucky	L 16-26	1	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/17/2022	South Fla.	W 31-28	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	L 33-38	6	4	26	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	W 52-17	6	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
10/08/2022	Missouri	W 24-17	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
10/15/2022	LSU	L 35-45	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	L 20-42	4	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	W 41-24	7	5	31	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	0	0
11/12/2022	South Carolina	W 38-6	8	5	31	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	1	0
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	L 24-31	3	3	15	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	L 38-45	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 38 of 50 (76.0%)			50	38	236	31	21	10	7	9	6	1	2	0	1

Opponents Inside Florida Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times		Total	Rush		Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored		Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half Game
09/03/2022	Utah	W 29-26	6	4	23	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
09/10/2022	Kentucky	L 16-26	4	3	12	1	1	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
09/17/2022	South Fla.	W 31-28	5	4	25	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
09/24/2022	Tennessee	L 33-38	6	6	38	5	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	W 52-17	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
10/08/2022	Missouri	W 24-17	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
10/15/2022	LSU	L 35-45	5	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
10/29/2022	Georgia	L 20-42	4	4	28	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/05/2022	Texas A&M	W 41-24	4	4	24	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
11/12/2022	South Carolina	W 38-6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/19/2022	Vanderbilt	L 24-31	3	3	17	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
11/25/2022	Florida St.	L 38-45	6	5	35	5	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 42 of 50 (84.0%)			50	42	253	32	23	9	10	13	3	2	0	0	0





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Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/03/2022	Utah	W 29-26	7-12	58.3	3-5	60.0	0-1	0.0	1-2	50.0	3-4	75.0	0-0	0.0
09/10/2022	Kentucky	L 16-26	4-16	25.0	0-3	0.0	2-5	40.0	2-4	50.0	0-4	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/17/2022	South Fla.	W 31-28	3-8	37.5	0-1	0.0	1-2	50.0	1-4	25.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	L 33-38	7-15	46.7	1-4	25.0	2-4	50.0	2-4	50.0	2-3	66.7	0-0	0.0
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	W 52-17	3-6	50.0	0-0	0.0	2-2	100.0	0-2	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0
10/08/2022	Missouri	W 24-17	3-11	27.3	0-2	0.0	1-3	33.3	0-2	0.0	2-4	50.0	0-0	0.0
10/15/2022	LSU	L 35-45	7-12	58.3	2-2	100.0	1-4	25.0	1-2	50.0	3-4	75.0	0-0	0.0
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	L 20-42	4-16	25.0	0-3	0.0	1-5	20.0	3-5	60.0	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	W 41-24	4-12	33.3	0-1	0.0	1-4	25.0	2-3	66.7	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
11/12/2022	South Carolina	W 38-6	9-15	60.0	4-4	100.0	2-3	66.7	3-6	50.0	0-2	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	L 24-31	4-15	26.7	1-4	25.0	0-2	0.0	2-5	40.0	1-4	25.0	0-0	0.0
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	L 38-45	8-16	50.0	2-3	66.7	3-4	75.0	1-4	25.0	2-5	40.0	0-0	0.0
<b>Florida</b>			<b>63-154</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>13-32</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>16-39</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>18-43</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>16-40</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>80-163</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>19-38</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>23-47</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>14-32</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>24-46</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**4th-Down Conversions**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall		1st Qtr		2nd Qtr		3rd Qtr		4th Qtr		Overtime	
09/03/2022	Utah	W 29-26	2-2	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
09/10/2022	Kentucky	L 16-26	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0
09/17/2022	South Fla.	W 31-28	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	L 33-38	5-6	83.3	1-2	50.0	1-1	100.0	2-2	100.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	W 52-17	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/08/2022	Missouri	W 24-17	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/15/2022	LSU	L 35-45	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	L 20-42	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-3	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	W 41-24	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0
11/12/2022	South Carolina	W 38-6	1-3	33.3	0-0	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-2	0.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	L 24-31	3-4	75.0	1-1	100.0	0-0	0.0	1-1	100.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	L 38-45	1-4	25.0	0-1	0.0	0-0	0.0	0-1	0.0	1-2	50.0	0-0	0.0
<b>Florida</b>			<b>15-32</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>6-15</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>			<b>9-22</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>2-7</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Time of Possession**

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/03/2022	Utah	W 29-26	27:43	11:25	04:45	03:51	07:42	00:00
09/10/2022	Kentucky	L 16-26	26:36	04:41	09:26	06:25	06:04	00:00
09/17/2022	South Fla.	W 31-28	23:41	03:44	07:42	06:42	05:33	00:00
09/24/2022	at Tennessee	L 33-38	34:56	08:32	09:31	06:26	10:27	00:00
10/02/2022	Eastern Wash.	W 52-17	23:32	02:05	06:34	05:44	09:09	00:00
10/08/2022	Missouri	W 24-17	23:51	03:37	05:34	05:30	09:10	00:00
10/15/2022	LSU	L 35-45	28:13	06:45	07:42	06:19	07:27	00:00
10/29/2022	vs Georgia	L 20-42	28:43	05:08	08:15	09:32	05:48	00:00
11/05/2022	at Texas A&M	W 41-24	37:07	08:53	08:37	07:15	12:22	00:00
11/12/2022	South Carolina	W 38-6	36:20	08:44	08:11	09:40	09:45	00:00



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Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
11/19/2022	at Vanderbilt	L	24-31	26:34	06:27	08:29	07:27	04:11	00:00
11/25/2022	at Florida St.	L	38-45	29:53	06:13	09:02	02:58	11:40	00:00
Florida			Total	347:09	76:14	93:48	77:49	99:18	00:00
			Avg.	28:56	06:21	07:49	06:29	08:16	00:00
Opponents			Total	372:51	87:16	102:42	83:53	99:00	00:00
			Avg.	31:04	07:16	08:34	06:59	08:15	00:00



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Opponent	Score	Total	First Downs			Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
			Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Utah	29-26	23 / 25	14 / 13	9 / 12	0 / 0	39-283 / 39-230	17-24-0 / 22-32-1	168 / 216	63-451 / 71-446	81 / 92	1 / 1
Kentucky	16-26	12 / 17	5 / 6	7 / 10	0 / 1	30-136 / 38-70	14-35-2 / 13-24-1	143 / 202	65-279 / 62-272	71 / 91	2 / 1
South Fla.	31-28	17 / 23	10 / 17	3 / 6	4 / 0	30-217 / 46-286	10-18-2 / 12-28-2	112 / 116	48-329 / 74-402	39 / 150	2 / 3
Tennessee	33-38	31 / 27	8 / 12	21 / 12	2 / 3	42-141 / 42-227	24-45-1 / 22-28-0	453 / 349	87-594 / 70-576	44 / 66	2 / 2
Eastern Wash.	52-17	20 / 27	6 / 12	13 / 15	1 / 0	28-274 / 45-153	16-22-1 / 25-40-0	392 / 258	50-666 / 85-411	47 / 30	1 / 2
Missouri	24-17	13 / 21	8 / 8	4 / 13	1 / 0	32-231 / 42-150	8-14-1 / 22-30-2	66 / 220	46-297 / 72-370	102 / 21	2 / 3
LSU	35-45	19 / 28	9 / 12	8 / 15	2 / 1	33-210 / 38-179	15-26-0 / 23-32-0	185 / 349	59-395 / 70-528	100 / 21	0 / 1
Georgia	20-42	16 / 26	6 / 12	9 / 13	1 / 1	34-100 / 40-239	18-37-0 / 19-38-2	271 / 316	71-371 / 78-555	60 / 52	0 / 3
Texas A&M	41-24	28 / 23	15 / 5	12 / 15	1 / 3	50-291 / 25-134	17-28-0 / 23-45-0	201 / 279	78-492 / 70-413	35 / 19	0 / 2
South Carolina	38-6	26 / 11	15 / 6	10 / 4	1 / 1	54-374 / 23-44	13-25-0 / 19-27-0	141 / 193	79-515 / 50-237	16 / 67	1 / 3
Vanderbilt	24-31	20 / 18	2 / 8	17 / 6	1 / 4	21-45 / 46-175	25-43-1 / 10-16-1	400 / 108	64-445 / 62-283	36 / 62	2 / 2
Florida St.	38-45	22 / 26	12 / 13	7 / 9	3 / 4	46-262 / 44-227	9-27-1 / 13-30-0	198 / 270	73-460 / 74-497	104 / 7	1 / 1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>381-345</b>	<b>247 / 272</b>	<b>110 / 124</b>	<b>120 / 130</b>	<b>17 / 18</b>	<b>439-2564 / 468-2114</b>	<b>186-344-9 / 223-370-9</b>	<b>2730 / 2876</b>	<b>783-5294 / 838-4990</b>	<b>735 / 678</b>	<b>14 / 24</b>

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Utah	7-12 / 8-13	2-2 / 0-1	27:43 / 32:17	-04:34	7.3 / 5.9	7.0 / 6.8	7.2 / 6.3	3-40.0 / 2-46.5	7-38.0 / 3-15.0	0 / 0
Kentucky	4-16 / 4-13	1-3 / 0-1	26:36 / 33:24	-06:48	4.5 / 1.8	4.1 / 8.4	4.3 / 4.4	5-47.4 / 5-38.8	3-28.0 / 2-10.0	3 / 1
South Fla.	3-8 / 8-15	0-0 / 2-2	23:41 / 36:19	-12:38	7.2 / 6.2	6.2 / 4.1	6.9 / 5.4	2-43.0 / 1-32.0	6-48.0 / 9-73.0	0 / 1
Tennessee	7-15 / 6-9	5-6 / 0-2	34:56 / 25:04	09:52	3.4 / 5.4	10.1 / 12.5	6.8 / 8.2	1-49.0 / 0-0.0	10-47.0 / 6-50.0	3 / 1
Eastern Wash.	3-6 / 8-18	0-1 / 1-4	23:32 / 36:28	-12:56	9.8 / 3.4	17.8 / 6.5	13.3 / 4.8	0-0.0 / 4-42.5	5-40.0 / 5-45.0	2 / 0
Missouri	3-11 / 9-17	1-1 / 0-1	23:51 / 36:09	-12:18	7.2 / 3.6	4.7 / 7.3	6.5 / 5.1	1-42.0 / 3-40.7	1-5.0 / 6-55.0	4 / 0
LSU	7-12 / 8-12	0-3 / 2-2	28:13 / 31:47	-03:34	6.4 / 4.7	7.1 / 10.9	6.7 / 7.5	2-56.0 / 1-40.0	5-50.0 / 5-45.0	1 / 1
Georgia	4-16 / 6-12	0-3 / 2-3	28:43 / 31:17	-02:34	2.9 / 6.0	7.3 / 8.3	5.2 / 7.1	6-46.3 / 3-39.3	7-53.0 / 4-40.0	0 / 3
Texas A&M	4-12 / 4-13	1-2 / 0-1	37:07 / 22:53	14:14	5.8 / 5.4	7.2 / 6.2	6.3 / 5.9	3-44.7 / 6-44.3	10-39.0 / 5-39.0	2 / 1
South Carolina	9-15 / 3-11	1-3 / 1-2	36:20 / 23:40	12:40	6.9 / 1.9	5.6 / 7.1	6.5 / 4.7	2-58.0 / 6-45.0	7-50.0 / 11-82.0	3 / 3
Vanderbilt	4-15 / 7-14	3-4 / 0-1	26:34 / 33:26	-06:52	2.1 / 3.8	9.3 / 6.8	7.0 / 4.6	3-46.3 / 4-43.5	7-80.0 / 4-35.0	1 / 0
Florida St.	8-16 / 9-16	1-4 / 1-2	29:53 / 30:07	-00:14	5.7 / 5.2	7.3 / 9.0	6.3 / 6.7	3-46.3 / 2-47.0	10-91.0 / 6-38.0	2 / 1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63-154 / 80-163</b>	<b>15-32 / 9-22</b>	<b>347:09 / 372:51</b>	<b>-25:42</b>	<b>5.8 / 4.5</b>	<b>7.9 / 7.8</b>	<b>6.8 / 6.0</b>	<b>31-46.8 / 37-42.5</b>	<b>78-569.0 / 66-527.0</b>	<b>21 / 12</b>

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# 2022 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

## Offense

Game	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	TE	WR	WR	UTIL
Utah	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	N. Wright	D. Zanders	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
Kentucky	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	N. Wright	K. Zipperer	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
South Florida	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	A. Barber	A. Richardson	N. Wright	D. Zanders	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	K. Zipperer (TE)
at Tennessee	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	A. Barber	A. Richardson	N. Wright	K. Zipperer	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
EWU	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	A. Barber	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	K. Zipperer	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	D. Zanders (TE)
Missouri	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	A. Barber	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	K. Zipperer	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
LSU	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	R. Leonard IV	A. Barber	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	K. Zipperer	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	D. Zanders (TE)
Georgia	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	K. Zipperer	J. Shorter	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
at Texas A&M	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	D. Zanders	J. Frazier	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
South Carolina	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	D. Zanders	C. Douglas	X. Henderson	R. Pearsall (WR)
at Vanderbilt	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	D. Zanders	J. Shorter	M. Burke	R. Pearsall (WR)
at Florida State	R. Gouraige	E. White	K. Eguakun	O. Torrence	M. Tarquin	A. Richardson	M. Johnson Jr.	D. Zanders	C. Douglas	D. Reynolds	R. Pearsall (WR)

## Defense

Game	DE	NT	DT	JACK	LB	LB	CB	CB	SS	FS	UTIL
Utah	P. Umanmielen	J. Lee	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	S. James	J. Marshall Jr.	A. Helm	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	A. Burney (STAR)
Kentucky	P. Umanmielen	J. Lee	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	S. James	J. Marshall Jr.	A. Helm	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	A. Burney (STAR)
South Florida	P. Umanmielen	J. Lee	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	S. James	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	A. Helm	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
at Tennessee	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	A. Helm	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
EWU	J. Boone	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	K. Wilson	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
Missouri	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
LSU	J. Boone	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
Georgia	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	B. Cox Jr.	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
at Texas A&M	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	A. Powell-Ryland	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
South Carolina	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	A. Powell-Ryland	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	M. Mitchell (STAR)
at Vanderbilt	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	A. Powell-Ryland	V. Miller	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	R. Torrence	T. Johnson (STAR)
at Florida State	P. Umanmielen	D. Watson	G. Dexter Sr.	A. Powell-Ryland	D. Wingo	A. Burney	J. Marshall Jr.	J. Hill	T. Dean III	K. Wilson	T. Johnson (STAR)

## CAREER STARTS

Offense	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total	Streak	Defense	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total	Streak
O'Cyrus Torrence, OL	11	12	11	13	-	47	5	Trey Dean III, DB	11	12	1	6	9	39	7
Richard Gouraige, OL	12	12	12	5	-	41	20	Ventrell Miller, LB	10	2	10	11	-	32	-
Kingsley Eguakun, C	12	13	-	-	-	25	25	Rashad Torrence II, DB	11	13	3	-	-	27	-
Justin Shorter, WR	9	12	1	-	-	22	-	Gervon Dexter Sr., DL	12	9	2	-	-	23	13
Ricky Pearsall, WR	9	11	1	-	-	22	5	Amari Burney, DB	12	2	4	3	-	21	14
Ethan White, OL	12	7	-	1	-	19	12	Jason Marshall Jr., DB	12	7	-	-	-	19	15
Xzavier Henderson, WR	10	3	1	-	-	14	-	Tre'Vez Johnson, DB	9	7	-	-	-	16	2
Anthony Richardson, QB	12	1	-	-	-	13	12	Avery Helm, DB	4	9	-	-	-	13	-
Michael Tarquin, OL	7	2	-	-	-	9	5	Jaydon Hill, DB	8	5	-	-	-	13	8
Montrell Johnson Jr., RB	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	Princely Umanmielen, DE	10	1	-	-	-	11	5
Dante Zanders, TE	8	-	-	-	-	8	4	Desmond Watson, DL	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
Josh Braun, OL	-	7	1	-	-	8	-	Jalen Lee, DL	3	1	-	-	-	4	-
Keon Zipperer, TE	7	-	-	-	-	7	-	Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr., LB	4	-	-	-	-	4	4
Nay'Quan Wright, RB	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	Shemar James, LB	3	-	-	-	-	3	-
Richie Leonard, OL	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	Justus Boone, DL	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Caleb Douglas, WR	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	Kamari Wilson, DB	2	-	-	-	-	2	1
Ja'Quavion Frazier, WR	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	Jadarrius Perkins, DB	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Jordan Pouncey, WR	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	Derek Wingo, LB	1	1	-	-	-	2	1
Marcus Burke, WR	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	Miguel Mitchell LB	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Daejon Reynolds	1	-	-	-	-	1	1								



## 2022 TAKEAWAYS

Opponent	Takeaway	Quarter	Time	Yard-Line	Result	Result of Drive
Utah	Amari Burney INTERCEPTION	4	0:17	Florida Endzone	No Return	End of Game
Kentucky	Gervon Dexter Sr. INTERCEPTION	2	10:01	Kentucky 34	No Return	Trevor Etienne 11-yard TD run
South Florida	Antwaun Powell-Ryland FORCED FUMBLE	1	11:56	Florida 41	Recovery Shemar James	Adam Mihalek 31-yard FG
	Jalen Kimber INTERCEPTION	2	3:10	South Florida 39	39 yards to USF Endzone, TD	TD on the return
	Tre'Vez Johnson INTERCEPTION	4	6:51	South Florida 28	No Return	Trevor Etienne 3-yard TD run
at Tennessee	Ventrell Miller FORCED FUMBLE	1	7:56	Florida 12	Recovery Tre'Vez Johnson	Adam Mihalek 50-yard missed FG
	Amari Burney FORCED FUMBLE	2	5:13	Florida 38	Recovery Ventrell Miller	Punt
Eastern Washington	Miguel Mitchell FORCED FUMBLE	2	4:49	EWU 40	Recovery Chris McClellan	Xavier Henderson 21-yard TD reception
Missouri	Jaydon Hill INTERCEPTION	1	1:01	Mizzouri 49	49 yards to Missouri Endzone, TD	TD on the return
	Jaydon Hill INTERCEPTION	3	1:02	Florida 4	5 yards to the Florida 9	Ricky Pearsall 9-yard TD catch
LSU	MUFFED PUNT	2	9:37	LSU 21	Recovery Rocco Underwood	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3-yard TD run
Georgia	Jadarrius Perkins INTERCEPTION	2	14:53	Florida 41	No Return	Punt
	Amari Burney FORCED FUMBLE	3	9:17	Georgia 26	Recovery Trey Dean III	Adam Mihalek 26-yard FG
	Amari Burney INTERCEPTION	3	4:27	Florida 33	No Return	Xavier Henderson 78-yard TD reception
at Texas A&M	Princely Umanmielen FORCED FUMBLE	4	10:46	Florida 27	Recovery Lloyd Summerall III	Punt
	Antwaun Powell-Ryland FORCED FUMBLE	4	9:14	Texas A&M 32	Recovery Amari Burney	Turnover on Downs
South Carolina	Rashad Torrence II FORCED FUMBLE	3	14:53	South Carolina 23	No Return	Blocked FG
	Desmond Watson FORCED FUMBLE	3	11:42	South Carolina 20	Returned 8 yards	Jonathan Odom 4-yard TD reception
	Kamari Wilson FORCED FUMBLE	3	9:38	South Carolina 15	Recovery Trey Dean III, 8 yard return	Turnover on Downs
at Vanderbilt	Ventrell Miller FORCED FUMBLE	1	3:48	Florida 24	Recovery Jaydon Hill	Punt
	Jason Marshall Jr. INTERCEPTION	4	6:32	Florida 5	No Return	Turnover on Downs
at Florida State	Shemar James FORCED FUMBLE	1	13:40	FSU 47	Recovery Tre'Vez Johnson	Turnover on Downs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22 Takeaways (9 Interceptions and 13 fumble recoveries)</b>				<b>9 Touchdowns, 3 Field Goals</b>	<b>69 points</b>

## 2022 TURNOVERS

Opponent	Takeaway	Quarter	Time	Yard-Line	Result	Result of Drive
Utah	Jonah Elliss FORCED FUMBLE	1	12:47	Utah 28	Recovery RJ Hubert, 47 yards	Brant Kuithe 20-yard TD reception
Kentucky	Jordan Wright INTERCEPTION	2	4:06	Florida 24	18 yards to UF 06	Will Levis 1-yard TD run
	Keidron Smith INTERCEPTION	3	6:35	Kentucky 35	65 yards to UF Endzone, TD	TD on the return
South Florida	Dwayne Boyles INTERCEPTION	3	12:01	South Florida 45	37 yards to UF 18	Gerry Bohanon 7-yard TD run
	Aamaris Brown INTERCEPTION	4	7:50	USF Endzone	No Return	Gerry Bohanon Interception
at Tennessee	Omari Thomas FORCED FUMBLE	4	12:34	Tennessee 16	Recovery Jeremy Banks	Jaylen Wright 5-yard TD run
	Kamal Hadden INTERCEPTION	4	0:16	Tennessee 06	Returned to Tennessee 11	End of game
Eastern Washington	Marlon Jones Jr. INTERCEPTION	3	14:52	EWU 26	No Return	Punt
Missouri	DJ Coleman FORCED FUMBLE	2	2:57	Florida 32	No Return	Harrison Mevis 28-yard FG
	Daylan Carnell INTERCEPTION	4	2:57	Missou 32	No Return	Turnover on downs
LSU	--	--	--	--	--	--
Georgia	--	--	--	--	--	--
at Texas A&M	--	--	--	--	--	--
South Carolina	Bam Martin-Scott FORCED FUMBLE	4	1:14	South Carolina 9	Recovery Tyreek Johnson, No Return	End of game
at Vanderbilt	Muffed Punt by Florida	2	3:22	Florida 5	Recovery Wesley Schelling in Endzone	Touchdown
	Jaylen Mahoney INTERCEPTION	3	2:17	Florida 28	No Return	Ben Bresnahan 28-yard TD reception
at Florida State	Jarrian Jones INTERCEPTION	2	14:53	FSU 49	No Return	Ryan Fitzgerald Missed 37-yard FG
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14 Turnovers (9 Interceptions, 5 fumble recovery)</b>				<b>7 Touchdowns, 1 Field Goal</b>	<b>52 points</b>

First Half Takeaways	11	First Half Turnovers	5
First Quarter	5	First Quarter	2
Second Quarter	6	Second Quarter	3
Second Half Takeaways	11	Second Half Turnovers	9
Third Quarter	6	Third Quarter	4
Fourth Quarter	5	Fourth Quarter	5
<b>TOTAL TAKEAWAYS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>TOTAL TURNOVERS</b>	<b>14</b>

**TURNOVER  
MARGIN**  
**0.67**

# 2022 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

## Runs 10+ Yards (74 runs for 1,658 yards / 22.4 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
19	Anthony Richardson	Utah
14	Na'Quan Wright	Utah
19	Trevor Etienne	Utah
45	Anthony Richardson	Utah
17	Trevor Etienne	Utah
11	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Utah
16	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Utah
14	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Utah
21	Trevor Etienne	Utah
10	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Utah
40	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Kentucky
15	Trevor Etienne	Kentucky
11	Trevor Etienne	Kentucky
14	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Kentucky
62	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Florida
16	Trevor Etienne	South Florida
16	Anthony Richardson	South Florida
10	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Florida
18	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Florida
15	Trevor Etienne	South Florida
11	Anthony Richardson	Tennessee
14	Trevor Etienne	Tennessee
45	Anthony Richardson	EWU
76	Ricky Pearsall	EWU
11	Lorenzo Lingard	EWU
20	Lorenzo Lingard	EWU
26	Eddie Battle	EWU
41	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Missouri
39	Trevor Etienne	Missouri
32	Anthony Richardson	Missouri
10	Nay'Quan Wright	Missouri
36	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Missouri
16	Trevor Etienne	Missouri
16	Trevor Etienne	Missouri
39	Montrell Johnson Jr.	LSU
10	Anthony Richardson	LSU
81	Anthony Richardson	LSU
13	Trevor Etienne	Georgia
10	Trevor Etienne	Georgia
11	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Georgia
14	Anthony Richardson	Georgia
14	Trevor Etienne	Georgia
12	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Texas A&M
11	Anthony Richardson	Texas A&M
12	Trevor Etienne	Texas A&M
11	Trevor Etienne	Texas A&M
10	Anthony Richardson	Texas A&M
15	Ricky Pearsall	Texas A&M
60	Anthony Richardson	Texas A&M
10	Trevor Etienne	Texas A&M
22	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Texas A&M
12	Anthony Richardson	Texas A&M
20	Ricky Pearsall	Texas A&M
24	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Texas A&M
16	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Texas A&M
10	Anthony Richardson	South Carolina
22	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Carolina
85	Trevor Etienne	South Carolina
23	Anthony Richardson	South Carolina

31	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Carolina
20	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Carolina
19	Anthony Richardson	South Carolina
18	Anthony Richardson	South Carolina
11	Montrell Johnson Jr.	South Carolina
10	Lorenzo Lingard	South Carolina
15	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Vanderbilt
15	Anthony Richardson	Vanderbilt
22	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Florida State
16	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Florida State
13	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Florida State
10	Trevor Etienne	Florida State
35	Trevor Etienne	Florida State
15	Anthony Richardson	Florida State
45	Trevor Etienne	Florida State

## Receptions 15+ Yards (63 catches for 1,798 yards/ 28.5 avg)

Yards	Player	Opponent
23	Ricky Pearsall	Utah
15	Xzavier Henderson	Utah
15	Justin Shorter	Utah
16	Ricky Pearsall	Utah
16	Justin Shorter	Kentucky
24	Ricky Pearsall	Kentucky
28	Xzavier Henderson	Kentucky
15	Ricky Pearsall	Kentucky
20	Keon Zipperer	South Florida
33	Trent Whittemore	South Florida
30	Justin Shorter	South Florida
22	Xzavier Henderson	Tennessee
22	Ricky Pearsall	Tennessee
44	Keon Zipperer	Tennessee
38	Ricky Pearsall	Tennessee
39	Justin Shorter	Tennessee
39	Justin Shorter	Tennessee
28	Justin Shorter	Tennessee
24	Ricky Pearsall	Tennessee
75	Justin Shorter	EWU
27	Keon Zipperer	EWU
20	Keon Zipperer	EWU
19	Xzavier Henderson	EWU
22	Ricky Pearsall	EWU
23	Trent Whittemore	EWU
21	Xzavier Henderson	EWU
54	Daejon Reynolds	EWU
62	Caleb Douglas	EWU
15	Lorenzo Lingard	EWU
20	Daejon Reynolds	EWU
20	Kahleil Jackson	EWU
20	Justin Shorter	Missouri
51	Justin Shorter	LSU
20	Ricky Pearsall	LSU
29	Ricky Pearsall	LSU
41	Justin Shorter	Georgia
78	Xzavier Henderson	Georgia
20	Justin Shorter	Georgia
35	Xzavier Henderson	Georgia
17	Ja'Quavion Faziars	Texas A&M
23	Ricky Pearsall	Texas A&M
17	Xzavier Henderson	Texas A&M
18	Montrell Johnson Jr.	Texas A&M

21	Ricky Pearsall	Texas A&M
19	Ja'Quavion Faziars	Texas A&M
21	Ricky Pearsall	Texas A&M
27	Caleb Douglas	South Carolina
15	Ricky Pearsall	South Carolina
23	Kahleil Jackson	South Carolina
27	Ricky Pearsall	Vanderbilt
31	Daejon Reynolds	Vanderbilt
15	Daejon Reynolds	Vanderbilt
28	Justin Shorter	Vanderbilt
17	Daejon Reynolds	Vanderbilt
74	Daejon Reynolds	Vanderbilt
18	Justin Shorter	Vanderbilt
26	Trevor Etienne	Vanderbilt
16	Daejon Reynolds	Vanderbilt
34	Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	Vanderbilt
52	Ricky Pearsall	Florida State
32	Ricky Pearsall	Florida State
43	Ricky Pearsall	Florida State
21	Jonathan Odom	Florida State

## Kickoff Returns 30+ Yards (3 returns for 128 yards)

Yards	Player	Opponent
47	Trevor Etienne	LSU
33	Trevor Etienne	Georgia
48	Trevor Etienne	Florida State

## Punt Returns 20+ Yards (2 returns for 76 yards)

Yards	Player	Opponent
48	Xzavier Henderson	Missouri
28	Xzavier Henderson	Texas A&M

## Defensive Returns 20+ Yards (2 returns for 88 yards)

Yards	Player	Opponent
39	Jalen Kimber	South Florida
49	Jaydon Hill	Missouri

## Opponent Big Plays

Runs (10+)	72 for 1,365 yards
Receiving (15+)	51 for 1,384 yards
Kick Returns (30+)	2 for 65 yards
Punt Returns (20+)	2 for 57 yards
Defensive Returns (20+)	3 for 149 yards
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130 for 3,020 yards / 23.2 avg</b>





## 100-YARD GAMES

100-Yard Rushing Games					
Player	2022	2021	2020	2019	Career
Johnson Jr.	3	2	-	-	5
Richardson	2	2	-	-	4
Etienne	2	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11</b>

100-Yard Receiving Games					
Player	2022	2021	2020	2019	Career
Shorter	2	1	-	-	3
Pearsall	2	1	-	-	3
Henderson	1	-	-	-	1
Reynolds	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>

## 200-YARD GAMES

200-Yard Passing Games					
Player	2022	2021	2020	2019	Career
Richardson	5	-	-	-	5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>

## 300-YARD GAMES

300-Yard Passing Games					
Player	2022	2021	2020	2019	Career
Richardson	2	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>

## NON-OFFENSIVE TDs

**FLORIDA - 2**  
**OPPONENTS - 3**

## 2022 RED ZONE

### FLORIDA

Opponent	No.	TDs	FG	Score Pct.	TD Pct.	TO	Downs	EOH	MFG
Utah	3	3	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	1	1	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
Kentucky	4	2	1	75%	50%	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee	6	4	0	67%	67%	2	0	0	0
Eastern Washington	6	4	1	83%	67%	0	0	1	0
Missouri	3	2	1	100%	67%	0	0	0	0
LSU	3	2	0	67%	67%	1	0	0	0
Georgia	4	1	1	50%	25%	0	2	0	0
at Texas A&M	7	4	1	71%	57%	0	1	0	1
South Carolina	8	4	1	62.5%	50%	1	1	0	1
at Vanderbilt	3	2	1	100%	67%	0	0	0	0
at Florida State	2	2	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

### OPPONENTS

Opponent	No.	TDs	FG	Score Pct.	TD Pct.	TO	Downs	EOH	MFG
Utah	6	3	1	66.7%	50%	1	1	0	0
Kentucky	4	1	2	75%	25%	0	0	0	1
South Florida	5	3	1	80%	60%	0	0	0	1
at Tennessee	6	5	1	100%	83%	0	0	0	0
Eastern Washington	2	0	1	50%	0%	0	1	0	0
Missouri	4	2	1	75%	50%	1	0	0	0
LSU	5	4	1	100%	80%	0	0	0	0
Georgia	4	4	0	100%	100%	0	0	0	0
at Texas A&M	4	3	1	100%	75%	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	1	0	0	0%	0%	0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	2	1	100%	67%	0	0	0	0
at Florida State	6	5	0	83%	83%	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

TO: Turnover; Downs: Turnover on Downs; EOH: End of Half/Game; MFG: Missed/Blocked Field Goal

## 2022 EFFICIENCY TOTALS

Team	1st Downs	Rush	Pass	Pen.	3rd Down Conv.	3rd Att.	3rd Down Pct.	4th Down Conv.	4th Att.	4th Down Pct.
<b>FLORIDA</b>	247	110	117	17	63	154	40.9%	15	30	50%
Opponents	270	123	129	18	80	163	49.1%	9	21	42.9%

**In 2021 (twelve regular season games)...**

<b>FLORIDA</b>	291	125	148	18	72	174	41.3%	14	25	56%
Opponents	261	111	117	33	63	176	35.7%	9	20	45%

## EFFICIENCY VS. SEC OPPONENTS

Team	1st Downs	Rush	Pass	Pen.	3rd Down Conv.	3rd Att.	3rd Down Pct.	4th Down Conv.	4th Att.	4th Down Pct.
<b>FLORIDA</b>	165	68	88	9	42	112	37.5%	12	24	50%
Opponents	169	68	87	14	47	101	46.5%	5	13	38.5%

**In 2021 vs. SEC (eight SEC games)...**

<b>FLORIDA</b>	167	64	93	10	38	103	36.8%	10	16	62.5%
Opponents	149	72	61	16	36	104	34.6%	6	11	54.5%

## SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	UA	A	TT
Donovan McMillon	4	5	9
Miguel Mitchell	4	1	5
Kamari Wilson	2	1	3
Shemar James	0	2	2
Jordan Young	2	0	2
Jack Pyburn	2	0	2
Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman	1	1	2
Chief Borders	0	2	2
Marco Ortiz	0	1	1
Justin Shorter	1	0	1
Ja'Quavion Frazier	1	0	1
Rocco Underwood	0	1	1
Derek Wingo	1	1	2
Jermy Crawshaw	1	0	1
Adam Mihalek	1	0	1
Ja'Markis Weston	0	1	1

## 2022 FLORIDA DRIVES SUPERLATIVES

<b>Total TD Drive Time:</b>	2:14:47
<b>Total Offensive TD:</b>	47
<b>Average TD Time:</b>	2:52
<b>Shortest TD Drive (Yards):</b>	3 plays, 12 yards, South Carolina
<b>Longest TD Drive (Yards):</b>	91 yards, Missouri / 91 yards, Vanderbilt
<b>Shortest TD Drive (Time):</b>	0:07, Florida State
<b>Longest TD Drive (Time):</b>	7:13, Utah
<b>Shortest TD Drive (Plays):</b>	1, EWU (Twice)/1, FSU
<b>Longest TD Drive (Plays):</b>	14, Utah (Twice)/South Carolina

## FIELD POSITION

	FLORIDA	Opponents
Drives Started	141	134
Average Starting Field Position	Own 31	Own 30
Times Started Inside Own 20	37	24
Drives Started in Opponent Territory	15	11

## 2022 WEEKLY LEADERS

### FLORIDA

Opponent	Rushes	Rush Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
Utah	12 - M. Johnson Jr.	106 - A. Richardson	6 - X. Henderson	67 - R. Pearsall	12 - T. Dean III	1.0 - T. Dean III	-
Kentucky	9 - T. Etienne	62 - M. Johnson Jr.	6 - X. Henderson	50 - X. Henderson	9- T. Dean III	1.5 - T. Dean III	1- J. Boone/A. Burney
South Florida	8- T. Etienne	103- M. Johnson Jr.	3- X. Henderson/K. Zipperer	33- T. Whittemore/J. Shorter	9- T. Dean III/B Cox Jr.	1- Cox Jr./Umanmielen/Watson	-
at Tennessee	17 - A. Richardson	62 - A. Richardson	7 - J. Shorter	155 - J. Shorter	13 - R. Torrence II	2.5 - A. Burney	2- A. Burney
Eastern Washington	7- N. Wright	76- R. Pearsall	2- 3 Players	75- J. Shorter	10- R. Torrence II	2- B. Cox Jr.	1- A. Burney/P. Umanmielen
Missouri	10- T. Etienne	86- M. Johnson Jr.	2- X. Henderson	20- J. Shorter	11- V. Miller	3- P. Umanmielen/B. Cox Jr.	1- 4 Players
LSU	13- M. Johnson Jr.	115- A. Richardson	4- X. Henderson	71- J. Shorter	9- V. Miller	1- 3 Players	1- B. Cox Jr.
Georgia	11- 3 Players	53- T. Etienne	5- X. Henderson	110- X. Henderson	11- R. Torrence II	2- A. Burney, T. Dean III	-
at Texas A&M	22- M. Johnson Jr.	100- M. Johnson Jr.	4- J. Frazier/X. Henderson	65- R. Pearsall	7- T. Dean III	2- 2 Players	1- 2 Players
South Carolina	24- M. Johnson Jr.	161- M. Johnson Jr.	3- C. Douglas	53- C. Douglas	4- A. Burney	2- V. Miller	1- D. Wingo
at Vanderbilt	11- M. Johnson Jr.	32- M. Johnson Jr.	8- D. Reynolds/J. Shorter	165- D. Reynolds	11- V. Miller	1.5- A. Burney	0.5- J. Hill/C. McClellan
at Florida State	17- 2 Players	129- T. Etienne	5- R. Pearsall	148- R. Pearsall	9- T. Dean III	1- 4 Players	1- 2 Players

### OPPONENTS

Team	Rushes	Rush Yards	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Tackles	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
Utah	23 - T. Thomas	117 - T. Thomas	9 - B. Kuithe	105 - B. Kuithe	12 - C. Bishop	1.0 - J. Tafuna	-
Kentucky	14- K. Smoke	80 - K. Smoke	3 - Key	83- Key	9- Weaver	2- Wright	1 - Wright
South Florida	17- B. Battie	150- B. Battie	8- X. Weaver	82- Weaver	10- Grier	2- M. LaPointe	1- M. LaPointe
at Tennessee	19 - J. Small	112 - Hooker	5 - McCoy/Hyatt/Fant	102 - McCoy	7 - Hadden/Banks	1 -Hadden/Terry	1 - Terry
Eastern Washington	15- T. Altahir	52- T. Altahir	5- E. Chism III	62- F. Roberson	6- S. King Jr.	1- M. Jones Jr./B. Harrison	-
Missouri	20- N. Peat	117- N. Peat	5- L. Burden	58- M. Cooper	7- McGuire	3- McGuire	1 - D. Coleman
LSU	14- 2 Players	107- J. Daniels	6- K. Boutte	115- K. Boutte	7- M. Baskerville	1- M. Baskerville	1- M. Baskerville
Georgia	16- K. McIntosh	106- D. Edwards	5- B. Bowers	154- B. Bowers	8- J. Bullard	1.5- J. Bullard	1- 3 Players
at Texas A&M	16- D. Achane	122- D. Achane	8- E. Stewart	120- E. Stewart	15- J. Mathews	2.5- M. Jackson	1- E. White
South Carolina	12- J. Bell	30 - J. Bell	3 - 3 Players	73 - D. Joyner	10 - S. Greene	1.5 - D. Williams	1.5- D. Williams
at Vanderbilt	30- R. Davis	122 - R. Davis	3 - J. McGowan	28 - B. Bresnahan	10 - C. Taylor	0.5 - 4 Players	-
at Florida State	20- T. Benson	111- T. Benson	3- K. Poitier	51- T. Benson	11- T. Bethune	0.5- 6 Players	0.5- 2 Players



## 2022 FLORIDA SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Score	Plays	Yards	TOP	Qtr.	Obtained (Spot)	Scoring Play
Utah	TD	14	63	7:13	1	Punt (Own 37)	Anthony Richardson 2-yard run
	TD	4	79	1:30	2	Kickoff (Own 21)	Anthony Richardson 45-yard run
	TD	8	75	2:24	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 14-yard run
Kentucky	TD	14	75	4:57	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 2-yard run
	FG	5	30	1:39	1	Punt (Own 48)	Adam Mihalek 39-yard field goal
	FG	5	42	1:35	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Adam Mihalek 39-yard field goal
South Florida	TD	5	34	2:42	2	Interception (Opponent 34)	Tevor Etienne 11-yard run
	FG	8	45	3:44	1	Fumble (Own 41)	Adam Mihalek 31-yard field goal
	TD	3	75	1:32	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 62-yard run
at Tennessee	TD	12	88	6:00	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Nay'Quan Wright 7-yard run
	TD	4	28	1:46	4	Interception (Opponent 28)	Trevor Etienne 3-yard run
	TD	8	75	3:30	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Keon Zipperer 44-yard reception
Eastern Washington	TD	8	75	3:31	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 7-yard run
	TD	12	75	6:13	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 1-yard run
	TD	10	75	3:06	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 5-yard run
Missouri	TD	7	71	0:54	4	Turn-over-on-Downs (Own 29)	Ricky Pearsall 3-yard reception
	TD	1	75	0:11	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Justin Shorter 75-yard reception
	TD	4	82	1:54	1	Turn-over-on-Downs (Own 18)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3-yard run
LSU	TD	10	89	4:22	2	Punt (Own 11)	Nay'Quan Wright 4-yard run
	TD	1	76	0:16	2	Punt (Own 24)	Ricky Pearsall 76-yard run
	TD	4	40	1:47	2	Fumble (Opponent 40)	Xzavier Henderson 21-yard reception
Georgia	FG	7	73	3:47	3	Punt (Own 8)	Adam Mihalek 36-yard field goal
	TD	2	71	0:51	3	Punt (Own 29)	Caleb Douglas 62-yard reception
	TD	6	50	3:44	4	Turn-over-on-Downs (50)	Lorenzo Lingard 11-yard run
at Texas A&M	FG	4	4	1:35	1	Punt (Opponent 24)	Adam Mihalek 37-yard field goal
	TD	6	82	2:35	3	Punt (Own 18)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3-yard run
	TD	9	91	4:52	4	Interception (Own 9)	Ricky Pearsall 9-yard reception
South Carolina	TD	2	52	0:51	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Justin Shorter 51-yard reception
	TD	10	75	5:46	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 39-yard run
	TD	5	13	1:24	2	Fumble (Opponent 13)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3-yard run
at Vanderbilt	TD	2	75	1:21	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 81-yard run
	TD	11	80	5:18	4	Punt (Own 20)	Trevor Etienne 1-yard run
	FG	6	42	3:07	2	Punt (Own 23)	Adam Mihalek 52-yard field goal
at Florida State	TD	13	75	5:26	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Trevor Etienne 3-yard run
	FG	7	17	3:10	3	Fumble (Opponent 27)	Adam Mihalek 26-yard field goal
	TD	3	82	0:56	3	Interception (Own 18)	Xzavier Henderson 78-yard reception
at Florida State	FG	9	42	4:19	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Adam Mihalek 50-yard field goal
	TD	8	75	3:20	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 10-yard run
	TD	3	75	1:14	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 60-yard run
at Florida State	FG	15	68	7:09	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Adam Mihalek 24-yard field goal
	TD	2	40	0:32	3	Punt (Opponent 40)	Ja'Quavion Fraziers 19-yard reception
	TD	10	81	5:06	3	Punt (Own 19)	Caleb Douglas 12-yard reception
at Florida State	TD	4	24	2:15	4	Turn-over-on-Downs (Opponent 24)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 5-yard run
	TD	14	75	5:43	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Anthony Richardson 3-yard run
	TD	7	64	2:40	1	Punt (Own 36)	Ricky Pearsall 15-yard reception
at Florida State	TD	2	85	0:21	1	Punt (Own 15)	Trevor Etienne 85-yard run
	FG	11	82	6:19	2	Punt (Own 7)	Adam Mihalek 28-yard field goal
	TD	3	12	1:15	3	Fumble (Opponent 12)	Jonathan Odom 4-yard reception
at Florida State	TD	8	48	4:08	4	Punt (Opponent 48)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 8-yard run
	FG	11	63	5:14	1	Punt (Own 28)	Adam Mihalek 26-yard field goal
	FG	9	48	5:20	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Adam Mihalek 44-yard field goal
at Florida State	TD	11	75	4:43	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3-yard reception
	TD	2	91	0:27	4	Punt (Own 9)	Daejon Reynolds 74-yard reception
	TD	7	75	1:20	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Daejon Reynolds 16-yard reception
at Florida State	TD	1	52	0:07	1	Kickoff (Own 48)	Ricky Pearsall 52-yard reception
	TD	9	63	4:21	1	Turn-over-on-Downs (Own 37)	Jonathan Odom 12-yard reception
	TD	4	80	2:10	2	Missed Field Goal (Own 20)	Ricky Pearsall 43-yard reception
at Florida State	FG	13	56	4:56	2	Kickoff (Own 20)	Adam Mihalek 41-yard field goal
	TD	13	75	6:53	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Montrell Johnson Jr. 1-yard run
	TD	3	50	1:20	4	Punt (50)	Trevor Etienne 45-yard run

### Plays Per Drive

FLORIDA			
Opponent	Plays	Drives	Avg.
Utah	63	10	6.3
Kentucky	65	14	4.6
South Florida	48	10	4.8
at Tennessee	87	10	8.7
EWU	50	13	3.8
Missouri	46	10	4.6
LSU	59	10	5.9
Georgia	71	14	5.1
at Texas A&M	78	14	5.6
South Carolina	79	12	6.6
at Vanderbilt	64	11	5.8
at Florida State	73	13	5.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>5.6</b>

### OPPONENTS

Opponent	Plays	Drives	Avg.
Utah	71	9	7.9
Kentucky	62	12	5.2
South Florida	74	10	7.4
at Tennessee	70	9	7.8
EWU	85	12	7.1
Missouri	72	10	7.2
LSU	70	9	7.8
Georgia	78	14	5.6
at Texas A&M	70	13	5.4
South Carolina	50	12	4.2
at Vanderbilt	62	11	5.6
at Florida State	74	13	5.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>6.3</b>

### Offensive Touchdown Breakdown

Yards	# of TD	# of TD Drives
1-10	22	-
11-20	8	2
21-30	1	2
31-40	1	3
41-50	4	3
51-60	2	2
61-70	3	3
71-80	4	23
81-90	2	7
91-99	-	2

TOP	TD Drives	Plays on TD Drives
0:01-0:30	5	7
0:31-1:00	5	16
1:01-1:30	7	27
1:31-2:00	4	15
2:01-3:00	6	34
3:01-4:00	5	40
4:01-5:00	6	61
5:01-6:00	6	70
6:01-7:00	2	25
7:01+	1	14
OT	-	-



**2022 OPPONENT SCORING DRIVES**

Opponent	Score	Plays	Net Yards	TOP	Quarter	Obtained (Spot Acquired)	Scoring Play
Utah	TD	5	25	1:24	1	Fumble (Florida 25)	Brant Kuithe 7-yard reception
	FG	11	50	5:13	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Jordan Noyes 43-yard field goal
	FG	8	25	4:40	2	Punt (Florida 38)	Jordan Noyes 31-yard field goal
	TD	9	89	4:59	3	Punt (Own 11)	Micah Bernard 7-yard run
	TD	11	73	6:14	4	Kickoff (Own 27)	Tavion Thomas 4-yard run
Kentucky	TD	2	67	0:49	2	Punt (Own 33)	Dane Key 55-yard reception
	TD	3	6	1:22	2	Interception (Florida 6)	Will Lewis 1-yard run
	FG	11	69	5:43	3	Punt (Own 25)	Matt Ruffolo 24-yard field goal
	FG	7	16	2:38	4	Downs (Opponent 24)	Matt Ruffolo 26-yard field goal
	TD	12	81	6:46	1	Kickoff (Own 19)	Brian Battie 10-yard run
South Florida	FG	9	70	4:04	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Spencer Shrader 22-yard field goal
	FG	12	43	3:00	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Spencer Shrader 49-yard field goal
	TD	4	18	1:34	3	Interception (Florida 18)	Gerry Bohanon 6-yard run
	TD	11	51	6:21	3	Punt (Own 49)	Michel Dukes 1-yard run
	FG	10	51	3:24	1	Missed FG (Own 34)	Chase McGrath 32-yard field goal
at Tennessee	TD	3	75	0:42	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Hendon Hooker 4-yard run
	TD	12	99	2:43	2	Punt (Own 1)	Bru McCoy 1-yard reception
	TD	10	73	2:47	3	Kickoff (Own 27)	Jabari Small 16-yard reception
	TD	5	62	1:49	3	Kickoff (Own 38)	Jabari Small 1-yard run
	TD	10	87	4:39	4	Fumble (Own 13)	Jaylen Wright 5-yard run
Eastern Washington	FG	13	49	6:56	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Seth Harrison 44-yard field goal
	TD	9	75	3:18	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Jakobie James 28-yard reception
	TD	9	71	3:10	4	Missed FG (Own 29)	Kekoa Visperas 25-yard run
	TD	11	67	5:36	2	Missed FG (Own 33)	Cody Schrader 5-yard run
	FG	9	21	2:37	2	Fumble (Florida 32)	Harrison Mevis 28-yard field goal
LSU	TD	9	75	5:12	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Nathaniel Peat 18-yard run
	TD	12	75	6:15	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	John Emery Jr. 7-yard reception
	TD	12	73	4:55	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Jayden Daniels 1-yard run
	TD	7	75	2:18	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Brian Thomas Jr. 24-yard reception
	TD	5	83	1:55	2	Punt (Own 17)	Jaray Jenkins 54-yard reception
Georgia	TD	4	75	1:43	3	Kickoff (Own 25)	Jayden Daniels 9-yard run
	TD	13	88	5:51	3	Downs (Own 12)	Jayden Daniels 9-yard run
	FG	12	46	5:47	4	Kickoff (Own 25)	Damian Ramos 47-yard field goal
	TD	8	66	3:06	1	Punt (Own 34)	Daijun Edwards 1-yard run
	TD	8	80	3:28	1	Punt (Own 20)	Kenny McIntosh 2-yard run
at Texas A&M	TD	3	83	0:50	2	Punt (Own 17)	Brock Bowers 73-yard reception
	TD	7	54	0:45	2	Punt (Own 46)	Ladd McConkey 7-yard reception
	TD	6	78	2:50	3	Kickoff (Own 22)	Daijun Edwards 22-yard run
	TD	8	49	2:14	4	Turn-over-on-Downs (Florida 49)	Kenny McIntosh 4-yard run
	TD	3	75	1:20	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Devon Achane 5-yard run
South Carolina	TD	11	75	4:14	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Devon Achane 5-yard reception
	FG	10	68	3:35	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Randy Bond 24-yard field goal
	TD	6	74	1:04	2	Punt (Own 26)	Devon Achane 2-yard run
	TD	9	75	4:32	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Fake Punt Pass from Kai Kroger to Dakereon Joyner 48-yards
	TD	12	81	6:31	2	Punt (Own 19)	Jayden McGowan 10-yard reception
at Vanderbilt	TD	12	66	6:49	3	Kickoff (Own 34)	Gavin Schoenwald 7-yard reception
	TD	1	28	0:11	3	Interception (Florida 28)	Ben Bresnahan 28-yard reception
	FG	4	3	0:21	4	Turn-over-on-Downs (Florida 12)	Joseph Bulovas 27-yard field goal
	TD	2	54	0:34	1	Turn-over-on-Downs (Own 25)	Trey Benson 9-yard run
	TD	6	75	2:38	1	Kickoff (Own 25)	Travis Jordan 29-yard run
at Florida State	TD	9	75	3:41	2	Kickoff (Own 25)	Travis Jordan 1-yard run
	FG	14	52	5:12	3	Punt (Own 20)	Ryan Fitzgerald 46-yard field goal
	TD	8	66	3:30	3	Punt (Own 34)	Trey Benson 1-yard run
	TD	2	44	0:52	3	Punt (Florida 44)	Kentron Poitier 6-yard reception
	TD	7	65	3:35	4	Kickoff (Own 35)	Trey Benson 17-yard run



# GAME RECAPS

FLORIDA VS OREGON STATE





# GAME 1 SUMMARY

## Florida 29, No. 7 Utah 26

Sept. 3 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Fla.

Attendance: 90,799

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (1-0)	7	7	0	15	29
Utah (0-1)	7	6	6	7	26

### Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Senior linebacker Amari Burney's diving interception of red-hot Cameron Rising's pass into the end zone with just 17 seconds remaining preserved a pulsating victory for the host Gators over the seventh-ranked Utes in what was a classic of a 2022 season opener Saturday night at Spurrier/Florida Field. The game marked the debut of Coach Billy Napier, who became the first coach in UF history to knock off a ranked opponent in his first game with the Gators. It wasn't easy, but against the defending Pac-12 champion Utes it wasn't supposed to be, either. Florida had to come from behind four times and had the will, firepower and weapon to do it behind sophomore quarterback Anthony Richardson. The 6-foot-4, 235-pound Richardson lived up to his preseason Heisman Trophy hype by passing for 168 yards and rushing for 106 and a career-best three touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with 1:25 to go that capped a clutch and poised drive of 14 plays and 75 yards over 4:57. He gave the Gators their three-point margin, but still left plenty of time for Rising, a junior and veteran, to give his team a chance. And he did. Rising (216 yards and 1 TD passing, 115 yards and 1 TD rushing) moved the Utes from their 25, with the big play his 29-yard run to the UF 19 on third-and-7. Three plays later, Rising faced a second-and-goal from the 6 and looked to force a low throw into traffic. Burney was part of that traffic and took a nose dive to cradle the ball, secure the victory and send the "Swamp" into hysterics. Richardson scored on runs of 2, 45 and the game-winning 2 yards. The Gators also got 76 yards and a touchdown from tailback Montrell Johnson, the sophomore who came to UF with Napier from the University of Louisiana. Johnson more than made up for an opening-drive fumble (his team's only turnover of the night) that set up a Utah touchdown and early 7-0 lead. From there, the game became a back-and-forth affair with seven lead changes. Both teams finished with well over 400 yards of total offense, with Utah getting 115 yards and a score from tailback Tavion Thomas and nine catches for 105 yards and a score from tight end Brant Kuithe. Of Florida's 451 total yards, 283 came on the ground, while the Gators converted seven of 13 third downs and scored touchdowns on all three red zone possessions.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** Napier went 40-12 and won the 2021 Sun Belt Conference championship at Louisiana. He inherited a team that went 6-7 last season, but now has expectations after beating a ranked opponent in an opener for only the third time program history and for the first time since 1982. Meanwhile, the Gators extended their FBS-record streak of season-opening home wins to 33, but it's who they beat that made the feat all the more impressive and almost certainly will vault UF into next week's Associated Press Top 25 just in time for another big-time challenge that will have bigger-picture ramifications in the Southeastern Conference.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** The 2022 Gators were always going to be about Richardson and nothing occurred Saturday night to think otherwise. He had some fabulous moments (without a turnover, no less) and will have plenty more, as the UF coaching staff continues to open things up for him and let him play.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** The highest-ranked team Florida had ever defeated in an opener was No. 7 in Houston back in 1969 (the first year of Reaves-to-Alvarez). Openers over the last 30-plus years had been against overmatched directional schools. As for a showdown like this one, basically 53 years in the making, ask the largest opening-day crowd (90,799) in Florida history of it was worth the wait.

**UP NEXT:** The Gators (1-0) will ride this high into next week's start to the SEC schedule when Eastern Division foe and 20th-ranked Kentucky (1-0), which handled Miami-Ohio 37-13 in its opener, rolls into town. The Wildcats, under Coach Mark Stoops, return a boatload of players from the program's second 10-win team over the last four seasons, which happen to be UK's only double-digit victory campaigns of the last 44 years. Kentucky has beaten UF two of the last four meetings, including last year's 20-13 win at Lexington, after losing 31 straight in the series from 1987-2017. The 1-2 start to the Florida season very likely is the most difficult first two games for any team in FBS classification.

Scoring Summary			UF-Utah	
1st	11:23	Utah	Kuithe, Brant 7 yd pass from Rising, Cameron (Noyes, Jordan kick)	0-7
			5 plays, 25 yards, 1:24 TOP	
	0:39	UF	Richardson, Anthony 2 yd run (Mihalek, Adam kick)	7-7
			14 plays, 63 yards, 7:13 TOP	
2nd	10:26	Utah	Noyes, Jordan 43 yd field goal 11 plays,	7-10
			11 Plays, 50 yards, TOP 05:13	
	03:18	Utah	Noyes, Jordan 31 yd field goal	7-13
			8 plays, 25 yards, TOP 04:40	

	01:42	UF	Richardson, Anthony 45 yd run (Mihalek, Adam kick)	14-13
			4 plays, 79 yards, TOP 01:30	
3rd	00:12	Utah	Bernard, Micah 7 yd run ( )	14-19
			9 plays, 89 yards, TOP 04:59	
4th	12:48	UF	Johnson Jr., Montrell 14 yd run (Fraziers, Ja'Quavion pass)	22-19
			8 plays, 75 yards, TOP 02:24	
	06:26	Utah	Thomas, Tavion 4 yd run (Noyes, Jordan kick)	22-26
			11 plays, 73 yards, TOP 06:14	
	01:25	UF	Richardson, Anthony 2 yd run (Mihalek, Adam kick)	29-26
			14 plays, 75 yards, TOP 04:57	

### Individual Statistics

<b>Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Anthony Richardson (17-24-0, 168, 0)
	<b>Utah</b> - Cameron Rising (22-32-1, 216, 1)
<b>Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Anthony Richardson (11-106, 3), Montrell Johnson Jr. (12-76, 1), Trevor Etienne (5-64, 0), Nay'Quan Wright (10-41, 0)
	<b>Utah</b> - Tavion Thomas (23-117, 1), Cameron Rising (7-91, 0) Chris Curry (5-13, 0), Micah Bernard (3-7, 1) Devaughn Vele (1-5, 0)
<b>Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Ricky Pearsall (4-67, 0), Xzavier Henderson (6-41, 0) Justin Shorter (2-25, 0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (1-14, 0)
	<b>Utah</b> - Brant Kuithe (9-105, 1), Devaughn Vele (3-36, 0), Micah Bernard (5-31, 0)
<b>Leading Tacklers</b>	<b>UF</b> - Trey Dean III (12 Total, 1 TFL), Brenton Cox Jr. (10 Total, 0.5 TFL, 1 QH)
	<b>Utah</b> - Cole Bishop (12 Total, 0.5 TFL), Mohamoud Diabate (9 Total)
<b>Sacks (Yds)</b>	<b>UF</b> - N/A
	<b>Utah</b> - N/A
<b>Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))</b>	<b>UF</b> - N/A
	<b>Utah</b> - R.J. Hubert (1-1 (47)), Elliss Jonah (1-0 )
<b>Interceptions (Yds)</b>	<b>UF</b> - (1-0)
	<b>Utah</b> - N/A

Team Statistics	UF	Utah
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	23	25
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	283	230
Rushing Attempts	39	39
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	168	216
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-24-0	22-32-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	451	446
Total Offense Plays	63	71
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-38	3-15
PUNTS-YARDS	3-120	2-93
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-305	6-370
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-10-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	5-81-0	2-35-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:43	32:17
3rd Down Conversions	7 of 12	8 of 13
4th Down Conversions	2 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-3	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	0-0
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	3-3	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-0	2-2
Points Off Turnovers	0	7



## GAME 2 SUMMARY

## No. 20 Kentucky 26, No. 12 Florida 16

Sept. 10 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Fla.

Attendance: 89,993

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Kentucky (2-0)	0	13	10	3	26
Florida (1-1)	3	13	0	0	16

## Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Cornerback Keidron Smith returned an Anthony Richardson third-quarter interception 65 yards for the go-ahead score and Matt Ruffolo kicked a 26-yard game-sealing field goal with 1:25 to play, as the 20th-ranked Wildcats manhandled the 12th-ranked Gators on both sides of the ball in the second half on the way to their victory Saturday night in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams at Spurrier/Florida Field. UK quarterback Will Levis passed for 202 yards and accounted for a touchdown each rushing and passing. Tailback Kavosiey Smoke had 14 carries for 80 yards and wide receiver Dane Key caught three passes for 83 yards and a score, including a 55-yarder in the first half. Richardson, the hero in last week's upset of seventh-ranked Utah, struggled all night against the UK defense, finishing with just 14 completions on 35 attempts for 143 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions. The Wildcats also bottled up Richardson's threat to run, limiting him to just four yards on six carries. They dared "AR" to beat them and he had no answers, as the Gators finished with only 279 yards of total offense, just 91 after halftime, and went 4-for-16 on third. The Gators had a 16-7 first-half lead, thanks to a couple of Adam Mihalek field goals, a Trevor Etienne touchdown run and two-point conversion catch, plus a safety on a bad snap on a UK punt attempt. The Wildcats, though, cut the margin to 16-13 at the half after turning a Richardson interception into a 2-yard TD run by Levis. UK tied the game on a short field goal from Ruffolo in the third quarter, then took the lead on Smith's interception with 3:25 to play in the period. After the pick-6, the Gators had three possessions to make up for the miscue and tie the game, but those three possessions ended with a punt and back-to-back surrenders on downs.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** It's tough to start the conference season with a defeat, and it's even worse against a division opponent. After that record run of 31 straight losses in the series, the Wildcats have defeated the Gators three of the last five. Didn't take long for the euphoria of that season-opening upset of the Utes last week to give way to reality, what with Kentucky a near-unanimous preseason pick to finish second in the SEC East. The Gators (and their QB) have lots of work to do.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Levis ran away with his QB duel against Richardson, but it was the Kentucky defense, which repeatedly thwarted and confused Richardson, that decided the game.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** Kentucky has now beaten Florida in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1976-77. That would be 45 years. On the other sideline, Kentucky coach Mark Stoops won his 61st game with the Wildcats, breaking the previous program record held by the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant.

**UP NEXT:** The Gators (1-1, 0-1) will step out of league play with a third straight home game, this one against South Florida (1-1, 0-0), as part of the two-for-one home-and-home-and-home series arrangement (UF played at USF in '21). The Bulls, from the American Athletic Conference, opened their season by getting blasted at home, 50-21, by No. 25 Brigham Young, but handled FCS opponent Howard 42-20 Saturday night in Tampa. The game will mark the third meeting between Florida and USF.

Scoring Summary					UF-UK
1st	10:03	Florida	Mihalek, Adam 39 yd Field Goal		3-0
			5 plays, 30 yards, 1:39 TOP		
2nd	11:36	Kentucky	Levis, Will 55 yd pass to Key, Dane (Ruffolo, Matt kick)		3-7
			2 plays, 67 yards, 0:49 TOP		
	10:01	Florida	Mihalek, Adam 50 yd field goal		6-7
			5 plays, 42 yards, 1:35 TOP		
	05:49	Florida	Etienne, Trevor 11 yarrd run (Pass to Etienne, Trevor)		14-7
			5 plays, 34 yards, 2:42 TOP		
	4:12	Florida	Saftey by Kentucky		16-7
	1:25	Kentucky	Levis, Will 1 yd run (Failed)		16-13
			3 plays, 6 yards, 1:22 TOP		
3rd		Kentucky	Ruffolo, Matt 24 yd field goal		16-16
			11 plays, 69 yards, 5:43 TOP		
		Kentucky	Interception for touchdown Smith, Keidron 65 yd		16-23
4th		Kentucky	Ruffolo, Matt 24 yd field goal		16-26
			7 plays, 16 yards, 2:38		

## Individual Statistics

**Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)** **UF** - Anthony Richardson (14-35-2, 143, 0)  
**Kentucky** - Will Levis (13-24-1, 202, 1)

**Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)** **UF** - Montrell Johnson Jr. (7-62, 0), Trevor Etienne (9-46, 1), Nay'Quan Wright (8-24, 0), Anthony Richardson (6-4, 0)  
**Kentucky** - Kavosiey Smoke (14-80, 0), La'Vell Wright (11-27, 0), Tayvion Robinson (4-11, 0), Barion Brown (1-3, 0) Will Levis (7- -12, 1)

**Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)** **UF** - Xzavier Henderson (6-50, 0), Ricky Pearsall (2-39, 0), Justin Shorter (2-26, 0), Keon Zipperer (2-21, 0)  
**Kentucky**- Dane Key (3-83, 1), Chauncey Magwood (2-47, 0)

**Leading Tacklers** **UF** - Trey Dean III (9 Total, 1.5 TFL, 0.5 Sack), Shemar James (7 Total, 1 QH), Gervib Dexter Sr. (7 Total, 0.5 Sack, 0.5 TFL, 1 INT, 1 BrUp)

**Kentucky** - J.J. Weaver (9 Total), Jaquez Jones (7 Total)

**Sacks (Yds)** **UF** - 3 (18)  
**Kentucky** - 1 (8)

**Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))** **UF** - N/A  
**Kentucky** - R.J. Hubert (1-1 (47)), Elliss Jonah (1-0 )

**Interceptions (Yds)** **UF** - (1-0)  
**Kentucky** - (2-83)

Team Statistics	UF	UK
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	17
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	136	70
Rushing Attempts	30	38
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	143	202
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-35-2	13-24-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	279	272
Total Offense Plays	65	62
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-28	2-10
PUNTS-YARDS	3-120	2-93
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-258	7-446
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-1-0	2-8-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	4-70-0	0-0-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:36	33:24
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 16	4 of 13
4th Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	1-1	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-18	1-8
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	0-0	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-2	2-3
Points Off Turnovers	8	13



## GAME 3 SUMMARY

### No. 18 Florida 31, South Florida 28

Sept. 17| Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Fla.

Attendance: 88,496

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
South Florida (1-2)	7	6	8	7	28
Florida (2-1)	3	21	0	7	31

#### Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** USF kicker Spencer Shrader missed a 49-yard field goal with 23 seconds left and the 18th-ranked Gators got out of Spurrier/Florida Field with a victory in a game Saturday night that easily could have gone the mega-underdog Bulls' way. The snap on the game-tying kick attempt from Bryce Bernard was just fine, but holder Andrew Beardall fumbled the exchange and Shrader didn't get a clean swing at the ball, which was wide to the right and short. It was the second fortuitous snap for Florida in three plays. Two snaps earlier, USF was at the UF 18 with 44 seconds to go — with a chance to win the game with a touchdown — but Bulls center Brad Cecil grounded a snap past quarterback Gerry Bohanon for a 14-yard loss that, eventually, made Shrader's field goal all the longer, all the more difficult. Florida survived despite two second-half interceptions by sophomore quarterback Anthony Richardson, the first leading to a South Florida touchdown (and two-point conversion) that cut the Gators' lead to just three, and the second coming on a throw into the end zone on a first-and-goal from the USF 5 and the home team trailing 28-24. The Bulls, though, gave the ball right back when Bohanon overthrew his intended receiver and defensive back Tre'Vez Johnson made a diving interception at the USF 28. Four Trevor Etienne runs later the Gators were in the end zone and leading 31-28 with 5:05 to play, setting up the final frantic drive. The Bulls came as 24-point underdogs and with just one win over an FBS team in 21 tries the last three seasons. They left having out-gained the Gators in total offense 402 yards to 329, including 286 on the ground, led by tailback Brian Battie's 17 carries, 150 yards and one score, plus another 102 on 15 carries and a score from Bohanon. Richardson had a second straight uneven game, finishing 10 of 18 for 112 yards, no touchdowns and the two interceptions, and only rushed seven times for 24 yards. UF, though, still ran for 217 yards and three scores, led by sophomore Montrell Johnson Jr.'s six carries and 103 yards. Florida twice trailed in the first half, but rallied back and even opened a 24-10 lead late in the second quarter after sophomore cornerback Jalen Kimber returned a Bohanon interception 39 yards for a score. The Bulls, though, scored the next 18 points, bridging the halves with a Shrader 49-yard field goal with 10 seconds to go and then capitalizing on a Richardson interception on UF's opening second-half possession. Linebacker Dwayne Boyles went 37 yards on the return to set up a six-yard scoring run by Bohanon that was followed by a two-point conversion that closed the UF lead to 24-21. The Gators, meanwhile, went without a first down on its first three possessions after intermission, which allowed the Bulls to surge in front with an 11-play, 51-yard drive finished off by a 1-yard run by tailback Michel Dukes for a 28-24 lead with 11:14 to go. Then came the crazy final 11-plus minutes.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** A second win. That's pretty much it. It certainly wasn't the confidence-building kind of night Richardson and the Gators needed after last week's home loss to Kentucky.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** It's clear, after Richardson's big night in the season-opening upset of then-No. 7 Utah, that defenses are not going to let the Florida quarterback beat them on the ground, so the Gators might as well lean on those three very talented tailbacks to eat up rushing yards. Johnson, the sophomore transfer who followed Coach Billy Napier from Louisiana, Etienne, the collegiate rookie, and Nay'Quan Wright, the redshirt sophomore coming off season-ending foot surgery, combined for 20 carries, 196 yards (that's 9.8 per attempt) and each scored a touchdown.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** The Gators have gone their first three games of the season without a touchdown pass (versus four interceptions). We'll get back to you on the last time that's happened. Actually, we'll get back to you when we find out the last time they went 12 consecutive quarters during any season without a touchdown pass.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (2-1) steps back into Southeastern Conference play next weekend with a trip to Knoxville, Tenn., where the Volunteers (3-0) will get their latest crack at trying to reverse a maddening series trend for the Rocky Top faithful. UF has won 16 of the previous 17 against UT, dating to the 2005 season, with the lone loss coming in 2016. The Vols, who last week won at No. 18 Pittsburgh, massacred Akron 63-6 Saturday night to stay unbeaten.

Scoring Summary				UF-USF
1st	08:12	Florida	Adam Mihalek 31 yd Field Goal	3-0
			8 plays, 45 yards, 3:44 TOP	
	01:21	USF	Brian Battie 10 yd rush (Spencer Shrader PAT)	
			12 plays, 81 yards, 06:46 TOP	3-7
2nd	14:49	Florida	Montrell Johnson JR. 62 yd rush (Adam Mihalek PAT)	10-7
			3 plays, 75 yards, 1:32 TOP	
	10:45	Florida	Spencer Shrader 22 yd field goal	10-10
			9 plays, 70 yards, 4:04 TOP	

	04:45	Florida	Nay'Quan Wright 7 yd rush (Adam Mihalek PAT)	17-10
			12 plays, 88 yards, 6:00 TOP	
	03:10	Florida	Jalen Kimber 39 yd interception return (Adam Mihalek PAT)	24-10
	00:10	USF	Spencer Shrader 49 yd field goal	24-13
			12 plays, 43 yards, 3:00 TOP	
3rd	10:27	USF	Gerry Bohanon 6 yd rush (Xavier Weaver pass from Sean Atkins)	24-21
			4 plays, 18 yards, 1:34 TOP	
4th	11:14	USF	Michel Dukes 1 yd rush	24-28
			11 plays, 51 yards, 6:21 TOP	
4th	05:05	Florida	Trevor Etienne 3 yd rush	31-28
			4 plays, 28 yards, 1:46	

#### Individual Statistics

**Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)** UF - Anthony Richardson (10-18-2, 112, 0)

USF - Gerry Bohanon (12-28-2, 116, 0)

**Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)** UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (6-103, 1), Trevor Etienne (8-56, 1), Nay'Quan Wright (6-37, 1), Anthony Richardson (7-24, 0)

USF - Brian Battie (17-150, 1), Gerry Bohanon (15-102, 1), Jaren Mangham (5-33, 0), Michel Dukes (7-12, 1)

**Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)** UF - Keon Zipperer (3-29, 0), Xzavier Henderson (3-3, 0), Justin Shorter (2-33, 0), Trent Whittemore (1-33, 0), Ricky Pearsall (1-14, 0)

USF - Xavier Weaver (8-82, 0), Brian Battie (2-7, 0), Khafre Brown (1-20, 0)

**Leading Tacklers** UF - Trey Dean III (9 Total, 6 Solo), Brenton Cox Jr. (9 Total, 1 TFL, 2 QBH)

USF - JAntonio Grier (10 Total, 0.5 TFL), Mekhi LaPointe (7 Total, 1 Sack, 2 TFL)

**Sacks (Yds)** UF - 0 (0)

USF - 1 (4)

**Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))** UF - (1-1 (0))

USF - N/A

**Interceptions (Yds)** UF - (2-39)

USF - (2-37)

Team Statistics	UF	USF
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	17	23
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	217	286
Rushing Attempts	30	46
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	112	116
Completions-Attempts-Int	10-18-2	12-18-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	329	402
Total Offense Plays	48	74
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	6-48	9-73
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	2-86	1-32
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS</b>	6-388	6-390
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-20-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	4-93-0
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b>	23:41	36:19
3rd Down Conversions	3 of 8	8 of 15
4th Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-4	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-4
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	4-4	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-1	2-3
Points Off Turnovers	16	8

## GAME 4 SUMMARY

## No. 11 Tennessee 38, No. 20 Florida 33

Sept. 24 | Neyland Stadium | Knoxville, Tenn.

Attendance: 101,915

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Tennessee (4-0)	3	14	14	7	38
Florida (2-2)	0	14	7	12	33

## Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Quarterback Hendon Hooker accounted for 501 of his team's 596 yards of total offense and the 11th-ranked Volunteers went up and down the field on the way to rolling past the Gators in their Southeastern Conference showdown Saturday in front of more 101,000 at Neyland Stadium. Hooker completed 22 of 28 passes for 349 yards and two touchdowns and rushed 13 times for 112 yards and another score, all the while bamboozling the Gators in operation of Coach Josh Heupel's breakneck-pace offense to near perfection. Hooker was great, but Florida's sophomore quarterback Anthony Richardson was really, really good on the way to the best game of his young career. Much maligned for his struggles the last two weeks, Richardson bounced back to complete 23 of 41 passes for a career-high 439 yards and his first two touchdowns of the season. Richardson, who became just the sixth QB in Florida history to throw for at least 400 yards in a SEC game, also rushed 17 times for 62 yards and two touchdowns, but the Gators' high-powered running game was held to just 141 yards as they basically were forced to play catch-up all day against a Tennessee offense that never punted and only stopped itself via two fumbles and a late give-away on downs while trying to run out the clock. The Vols scored touchdowns on four consecutive drives bridging the two halves, the first coming on a 99-yard march that culminated with a 2-yard Hooker-to-Bru McCoy go-ahead touchdown pass with seven seconds to go in the period that completely flipped the game's tenor and momentum in the home team's favor. The score made it 17-14, Vols, who got the second half kickoff and 73 yards to a touchdown and 21-14 lead. Then came drives of 62 and 87 yards drive (that latter after a killer Richardson fumble deep in UT territory), all in succession, to surge in front 38-21. A 5-yard scoring run by Florida's Montrell Johnson Jr. closed the margin to nine (A 2-point attempt failed), but after a failed onside kick the Vols ran clock before turning the ball over on downs with just 1:11 left. Richardson took UF 71 yards in seven plays, hitting Ricky Pearsall for a 3-yard score to make it 38-33 with 17 seconds to go. The Gators, who actually out-gained the Vols in total yards with 594, then recovered the ensuing onside kick and Richardson got the offense to the UT 39 for one last play. Under duress in the pocket, Richardson had a Vols defender grab his ankles, taking any zip he had to heave the ball into the end zone. Instead, the pass is well under-thrown and intercepted by defensive back Kamal Hadden as time expired.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** The Gators have to feel better about what Richardson was able to do in a wickedly hostile environment. That will be the positive takeaway. On the other side, the defense has a lot of work to do. Meanwhile, UF is winless through two games in SEC play and, for now, is tied with South Carolina at the bottom of the East Division standings. Tennessee snapped Florida's five-game winning streak in the series and won for just the second time since 2005 and just the ninth time dating to their 37 meetings since 1976. So, for at least the next 12 months, the Gators' mastery of the Vols will be in a pause.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Hooker certainly will surge into the Heisman Trophy conversation, as the Volunteers remained unbeaten, with an open date ahead to soak in all the feels before an Oct. 8 trip to LSU, followed by what likely will be the most hotly anticipated meeting with rival Alabama since Peyton Manning wore an Big Orange No. 16 jersey.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** UF is 0-2 in SEC play for the first time since 1986 when the on-probation Gators started their conference schedule with a 21-7 home loss against Alabama and 16-10 road defeat at Mississippi State.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (2-2) steps back out of conference with a home game against Eastern Washington (2-2) for a Saturday noon game. The Eagles lost 50-31 at home against Buffalo on Saturday and were obliterated 70-14 two weeks ago at Oregon in their only crack against an FBS opponent this season.

Scoring Summary				UF-UT
1st	01:11	Tennessee	Chase McGrath 32 yard Field Goal	0-3
			10 plays, 51 yards, 03:24 TOP	
2nd	12:41	Florida	Keon Zipperer 44 yard TD reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	7-3
			8 plays, 75 yards, 03:30 TOP	
	11:59	Tennessee	Hendon Hooker 4 yard TD rush (PAT Chase McGrath)	7-10
			3 plays, 75 yards, 00:42 TOP	
	08:28	Florida	Anthony Richardson 7 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	14-10
			8 plays, 75 yards, 03:31 TOP	
	00:07	Tennessee	Bru McCoy 1 yard TD reception (PAT Chase McGrath)	14-17
			12 plays, 99 yards, 02:43 TOP	

3rd	12:08	Tennessee	Jabari 16 yard TD reception (PAT Chase McGrath)	14-24
			10 plays, 73 yards, 02:47 TOP	
	05:55	Florida	Anthony Richardson 1 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	21-24
			12 plays, 75 yards, 06:13 TOP	
	03:58	Tennessee	Jabari Small 1 yard TD rush (PAT Chase McGrath)	21-31
			5 plays, 62 yards, 01:49 TOP	
4th	07:55	Tennessee	Jaylen Wright 5 yard TD rush (PAT Chase McGrath)	21-38
			10 plays, 87 yards, 04:39	
	04:49	Florida	Montrell Johnson Jr. 5 yard TD rush (2pt no good)	38-27
			10 plays, 75 yards, 03:06	
	00:17	Florida	Ricky Pearsall 3 yard TD reception (2pt no good)	38-33
			7 plays, 71 yards, 00:54 TOP	

## Individual Statistics

**Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)** UF - Anthony Richardson (24-44-1, 453, 2)

UT - Hendon Hooker (22-28-0, 349, 2)

**Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)** UF - Anthony Richardson (17-62, 2), Trevor Etienne (9-35, 0),

Nay'Quan Wright (8-26, 0), Montrell Johnson Jr. (8-18, 1)

UT - Hendon Hooker (13-112, 1), Jabari Small (19-90, 1),

Jaylen Wright (10-25, 1)

**Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)** UF - Justin Shorter (7-155, 0), Ricky Pearsall (5-103, 1),

Xzavier Henderson (4-68, 0), Trent Whittemore (2-31, 0),

Keon Zipperer (3-62, 0),

UT - Bru McCoy (5-102, 1), Jalin Hyatt (5-58, 0), Ramel Keyton (3-69, 0),

Princeton Fant (5-43, 0), Jabari Small (3-32, 1)

## Leading Tacklers

UF - Rashad Torrence II (13 Total, 11 Solo, 1 Breakup),

Amari Burney (8 Total, 2 TFL, 2 Sacks, 1 FF)

UT - Kamal Hadden (7 Total, 5 solo, 1 TFL, 1 INT),

Jeremy Banks (7 Total, 5 solo, 0.5 TFL, 1 QBH)

## Sacks (Yds)

UF - 3 (15)

UT - 1 (4)

**Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))** UF - (2-2 (0))

UT - (1-1 (0))

**Interceptions (Yds)** UF - N/A

UT - (1-5)

Team Statistics	UF	UT
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	31	27
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	141	227
Rushing Attempts	42	42
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	453	349
Completions-Attempts-Int	24-45-1	22-28-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	594	576
Total Offense Plays	87	70
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-47	6-50
PUNTS-YARDS	1-49	0-0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-249	7-446
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-44-0	2-61-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	34:56	25:04
3rd Down Conversions	7 of 15	6 of 9
4th Down Conversions	5 of 6	0 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	4-6	6-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-15	1-4
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	3-3	5-5
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-1	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	7





## GAME 5 SUMMARY

### Florida 52, Eastern Washington 17

Oct. 2 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Fla.

Attendance: 72,462

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (3-2)	14	21	10	14	52
Eastern Washington (1-3)	3	0	0	7	17

#### Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Sophomore quarterback Anthony Richardson passed for 240 yards and two scores in not quite three quarters of work and wide receiver Ricky Pearsall had a 76-yard touchdown run on an end-around to highlight the demo job done by the Gators on Sunday against the FCS-classified Eagles in a game that was pushed back 24 hours due to the threat last week of Hurricane Ian. The Eagles, out of the Big Sky Conference, took the opening kickoff and marched to a 44-yard field goal from Seth Harrison and 3-0 lead not quite six minutes into the game. The Gators, though, answered instantly with Richardson dropping a 75-yard touchdown bomb to Justin Shorter on their first play from scrimmage. That started a run of 52 unanswered points for the home team, their most to date in five games under Coach Billy Napier. For the afternoon, Florida totaled 666 yards of offense, which tied for the seventh-most in program history, versus EWU's 411. Richardson, who exited the game for a half-dozen plays in the second quarter after an awkward-landing pass attempt, hit eight of his 10 throws and also had an interception on a deep ball thrown into double coverage. Reserve tailback Lorenzo Lingard's 11-yard touchdown run with 11:53 to play put the Gators up 52-3. Eastern Washington was led by quarterback Gunner Talkington, who went 24 of 37 for 250 yards and threw a 28-yard touchdown pass midway into the fourth quarter for the Eagles' first trip into the end zone. They added a second TD with 3:17 to go when backup QB Kekoa Visperas ran 25 yards up the middle of the UF defense to wrap the game's scoring.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** So far this season it's been win one, lose one, win one, lose one, win one. As such, the Gators are back above .500, with all three of their victories out of Southeastern Conference play. UF has now won 15 consecutive regular-season non-league games, dating to the 2018 season-opening 53-6 victory over Charleston Southern. The Gators' last non-conference defeat in a regular season was a 38-22 loss at Florida State on Nov. 25, 2017.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** OK, so it's not staggering in the least, but the Gators improved to 22-1 against FCS teams since 1981, with the lone loss the 2013 debacle against Georgia Southern, a 26-20 loss on the way to the program's first losing record in 34 years.

**UP NEXT:** The Gators (3-2, 0-2), with a short week, return to SEC play next Saturday, with another noon game, this one against Missouri (2-3, 0-2), which threw a nasty scare into No. 1-ranked Georgia before falling 26-22 Saturday night at Columbia. The winner of the UF-Mizzou game will climb out of the SEC East winless cellar.

Scoring Summary				UF-EWU
1st	08:04	EWU	Seth Harrison 44 yard Field Goal	0-3
			13 plays, 49 yards, 06:56 TOP	
	07:53	Florida	Justin Shorter 75 yard TD reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	7-3
			1 play, 75 yards, 00:11 TOP	
	01:13	Florida	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	14-3
			4 plays, 82 yards, 01:54 TOP	
2nd	09:22	Florida	Nay'Quan Wright 4 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	21-3
			10 plays, 89 yards, 04:22 TOP	
	05:48	Florida	Rick Pearsall 76 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	28-3
			1 play, 76 yards, 00:16 TOP	
	03:02	Florida	Xzavier Henderson 21 yard TD reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	35-3
			4 plays, 40 yards, 01:47 TOP	
3rd	07:47	Florida	Adam Mihalek 36 yard Field Goal	38-3
			7 plays, 73 yards, 03:47 TOP	
	04:25	Florida	Caleb Douglas 62 yard TD reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	45-3
			2 plays, 71 yards, 00:51 TOP	
4th	11:53	Florida	Lorenzo Lingard 11 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	52-3
			6 plays, 50 yards, 03:44	
	08:35	EWU	Jakobie James 28 yard TD reception (PAT Seth Harrison)	52-10
			9 plays, 75 yards, 03:18	
	03:17	EWU	Kekoa Visperas 25 yard TD rush (PAT Seth Harrison)	52-17
			9 plays, 71 yards, 03:10 TOP	

#### Individual Statistics

<b>Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Anthony Richardson (8-10-1, 240, 2), Jalen Kitna (8-12-0, 152, 1) <b>EWU</b> - Gunner Talkington (24-37-0, 250, 1), Kekoa Visperas (1-3-0, 8, 0)
<b>Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Ricky Pearsall (1-76, 1), Anthony Richardson (1-45, 0), Lorenzo Lingard (5-45, 0), Eddie Battle (2-32, 0) Nay'Quan Wright (7-31, 1), Montrell Johnson Jr. (5-26, 1), Trevor Etienne (4-22, 0), Carlson Joseph (2-5, 0) <b>EWU</b> - Tuna Altahir (15-52, 0), Justice Jackson (10-38, 0), Kekoa Visperas (2-28, 1)
<b>Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Justin Shorter (1-75, 1), Daejon Reynolds (2-74, 0), Caleb Douglas (1-62, 1), Keon Zipperer (2-47, 0), Xzavier Henderson (2-40, 1), Trent Whittemore (1-23, 0), Ricky Pearsall (1-22, 0), <b>EWU</b> - Freddie Roberson (4-62, 0), Efton Chism III (5-59, 0), Jakobie James (2-42, 0), Nolan Ulm (4-42, 0)
<b>Leading Tacklers</b>	<b>UF</b> - Rashad Torrence II (10 Total, 5 Solo), Shemar James (8 Total), Ventrell Miller (8 Total) <b>EWU</b> - Sherwin King Jr. (6 Total, 3 solo), Marlon Jones Jr. (4 Total, 2 solo, 1.0 TFL, 1 INT)
<b>Sacks (Yds)</b>	<b>UF</b> - 2 (21) <b>EWU</b> - N/A
<b>Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))</b>	<b>UF</b> - N/A <b>EWU</b> - N/A
<b>Interceptions (Yds)</b>	<b>UF</b> - N/A <b>EWU</b> - 1 (0)

Team Statistics	UF	EWU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	20	27
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	274	153
Rushing Attempts	28	45
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	392	258
Completions-Attempts-Int	16-22-1	25-40-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	666	411
Total Offense Plays	50	85
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-40	5-45
PUNTS-YARDS	0-0	5-212
KICKOFFS-YARDS	9-578	4-260
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-23-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-24-0	2-30-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	23:32	36:28
3rd Down Conversions	3 of 6	8 of 18
4th Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 4
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	5-6	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-21	0-0
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	7-7	5-5
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-1	2-2
Points Off Turnovers	7	0

## GAME 6 SUMMARY

## Florida 24, Missouri 17

Oct. 8 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Fla.

Attendance: 88,471

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (4-2)	10	0	7	7	24
Missouri (2-4)	0	10	0	7	17

## Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Redshirt sophomore cornerback Jaydon Hill intercepted two passes, returning one for a score, and his defensive mates (after a tough afternoon at times) bowed up for a late-game stop to seal the outcome and allow the Gators to come away with their first Southeastern Conference victory under Coach Billy Napier in Saturday's homecoming game at Spurrier/Florida Field. Sophomore tailback Montrell Johnson Jr. rushed for a third-quarter score as part of second-half UF ground game assault of 212 yards. Sophomore Anthony Richardson and junior Ricky Pearsall paired for a 9-yard scoring toss with 11:10 to play in what proved to be the decisive score on a day the Gators passed for just 66 yards against a Mizzou defense that threw a nasty scare at No. 1 Georgia a week earlier. A 37-yard field goal by Adam Mihalek in the first quarter and Hill's 49-yard pick-six had Florida up 10 early in the second quarter, but the Gators were unable to muster anything on offense (and missed a pair of long field goals) in finishing with just 66 yards on 18 first-half plays. With Florida flailing, the Tigers were able to erase the 10-0 deficit and tie the game at the break on a 5-yard scoring run from Cody Schrader and 28-yard field goal by Harrison Mevis 20 seconds before halftime. An 82-yard UF drive ended with Johnson's 3-yard score at the 6:55 mark of the third and after Hill intercepted Mizzou's Brady Cook (22 of 30, 220 yards, 0 TD, 2 INT) inside the UF 5, the Gators responded with a nine-play, 91-yard drive capped by Richardson's on-the-move dart to Pearsall in the back of the end zone. Back came the Tigers, though, converting on third-and-22 and third-and-15 on the way to an 18-yard touchdown run by Nathaniel Peat that drew the visitors within seven with six minutes to go. After Richardson's tip-ball interception with 2:57 left, Mizzou reached the UF 48, but Cook's fourth-down slant (under pressure from linebacker Ventrell Miller) for wideout Tauskie Dove fell incomplete with 1:17 to go. Florida was out-gained in total yards 370-297 and gave up nine of 17 third-down situations, yet still managed to come away with the victory.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** A first win in SEC play for the Gators (against the still-winless Tigers), who climbed out of the East Division cellar and inched their way up to a momentary spot in fourth place with five conference games to go. It was also Florida's SEC win since beating Vanderbilt 42-0 on Oct. 9, 2021, breaking a run of six straight defeats.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Hill would be the obvious choice, right? The guy missed all last season with a knee injury, suffered another knee injury in the offseason and made his UF debut just last week, announcing himself with seven tackles and two interceptions in his two games. But the Gators, with all their problems on third down, don't win Saturday without the inspired play from Miller, the sixth-year senior who's battled injuries of his own this season. Miller finished with 11 tackles, 10 of them solos and two of them for loss, and had the QB pressure on Missouri's final play that helped clinched the win.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** The 66 first-half yards for the Gators marked the team's fewest in a half since gaining just 61 against Missouri in the 2014 homecoming meeting at the "Swamp." UF lost that one 42-13, despite eventually out-gaining the Tigers 283-119 in yards from scrimmage.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (4-2, 1-2) will be home again, for the fifth time in the first six games of the season, to face No. 25 LSU (4-2, 2-1), which was manhandled at home by No. 8 Tennessee 40-13 in another league noon game Saturday. The Gators have lost three straight in their series against the Tigers.

Scoring Summary				UF-MIZ
1st	02:58	Florida	Adam Mihalek 37 yard Field Goal	3-0
			4 plays, 4 yards, 01:35 TOP	
	01:01	Florida	Jaydon Hill 49 yard INT return for TD (PAT Adam Mihalek)	10-0
2nd	03:55	Missouri	Cody Schrader 5 yard TD rush (PAT Harrison Mevis)	10-7
			11 plays, 67 yards, 05:36 TOP	
	00:20	Missouri	Harrison Mevis 28 yard Field Goal	10-10
			9 plays, 21 yards, 02:37 TOP	
3rd	06:55	Florida	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3 yard TD rush (PAT Adam Mihalek)	17-10
			6 play, 82 yards, 02:35 TOP	
4th	11:10	Florida	Ricky Pearsall 9 yard TD reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	24-10
			9 plays, 91 yards, 04:52 TOP	
	05:58	Missouri	Nathaniel Peat 18 yard TD rush	24-17
			9 plays, 75 yards, 05:12 TOP	

## Individual Statistics

<b>Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Anthony Richardson (8-14-1, 66, 1) <b>MIZ</b> - Brady Cook (22-30-2, 220, 0)
<b>Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Montrell Johnson Jr. (8-86, 1), Trevor Etienne (10-83, 0), Anthony Richardson (5-45, 0), Nay'Quan Wright (5-22, 0), <b>MIZ</b> - Nathaniel Peat (20-117, 1), Cody Schrader (8-17, 1), Brady Cook (14-26, 0)
<b>Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)</b>	<b>UF</b> - Kzavier Henderson (2-8, 0), Justin Shorter (1-20, 0), Dante Zanders (1-12, 0), Ricky Pearsall (1-9, 1) <b>MIZ</b> - Luther Burden (5-20, 0), Mookie Cooper (4-58, 0), Dominic Lovett (4-29, 0), Cody Schrader (3-31, 0)
<b>Leading Tacklers</b>	<b>UF</b> - Ventrell Miller (11 Total, 10 Solo), Amari Burney (8 Total), Trey Dean III (7 Total) <b>MIZ</b> - Isaiah McGuire (7 Total, 4 solo), Jaylon Carlies (5 Total)
<b>Sacks (Yds)</b>	<b>UF</b> - 4 (16) <b>MIZ</b> - 1 (2)
<b>Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))</b>	<b>UF</b> - N/A <b>MIZ</b> - (2-1 (0))
<b>Interceptions (Yds)</b>	<b>UF</b> - 2 (54) <b>MIZ</b> - 1 (0)

Team Statistics	UF	MIZ
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	13	21
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	231	150
Rushing Attempts	32	42
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	66	220
Completions-Attempts-Int	8-14-1	22-30-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	297	370
Total Offense Plays	46	72
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	1-5	6-55
PUNTS-YARDS	1-42	4-159
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-325	4-260
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-48-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-21-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	23:51	36:09
3rd Down Conversions	3 of 11	9 of 17
4th Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-3	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-16	1-2
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	3-3	2-2
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-3	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	14	0



# GAME 7 SUMMARY

## LSU 45, Florida 35

Oct. 15| Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Fla.

Attendance: 90,585

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (4-3)	14	7	0	14	35
LSU (5-2)	7	21	14	3	45

### Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Quarterback Jayden Daniels led the Tigers to long touchdowns on their offense's first six possessions, as LSU rolled to a big lead and closed out the Gators with a late field goal in their Southeastern Conference showdown Saturday night at Spurrier/Florida Field. Daniels completed 23 of 32 passes for 349 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing for 44 yards and three more TDs. He was on the finishing/scoring end in some facet as LSU scored touchdowns on consecutive drives of 75, 73, 75, 83, 75 and 88 yards — in great part by converting eight of its first nine third-down situations — over the first three quarters to take a 42-21 lead into the fourth. On the first snap of that period, though, UF sophomore quarterback Anthony Richardson took off for an 81-yard touchdown run to draw his team within two scores. The Florida defense forced its first punt of the game on LSU's next possession and UF went 80 yards in 11 plays, with freshman tailback Trevor Etienne making it 42-35 on a 1-yard run with 5:18 to go. It was up to the Gators to make another stop and they appeared to do just that when Daniels, under pressure, threw down the middle of the field and was intercepted by cornerback Jason Marshall Jr. The pressure came from rushing defensive tackle Gervon Dexter Sr., who was flagged for roughing the passing, giving the Tigers an automatic first down at the UF 46. Nine plays and 17 yards later, Damian Ramos kicked a season-long 47-yard field goal to make it a 10-point lead with 1:52 remaining and ice the game. LSU finished with 528 yards of total offense, compared to 395 for Florida, and went 5-for-5 when in the red zone, with all of those scores TDs. Richardson completed 15 of 23 throws for 185 yards with one TD, that one coming on a 51-yard strike to Justin Shorter on the game's second offensive play. UF had leads of 7-0, 14-7 and 21-14 before LSU scored four unanswered TDs to seize command of the game.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** UF and LSU were probably viewed externally at about the same place, as far as their respective rebuilding situations. It would seem UF coach Billy Napier has a tougher rebuild on his hands, as the Gators have now lost three of their first four SEC games for the first time since 1986 and clearly have issues on the defensive side of the ball.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Daniels, the transfer from Arizona State, finished with 393 yards of total offense and had a hand in all six Tigers touchdowns. He also had some tremendous on-target throws and was a step ahead of the UF pass rush all night.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (4-3, 1-3) is idle next week and will be back on the field Oct. 29 for its annual rivalry game against No. 1 and defending national champion Georgia (7-0, 4-0). The Bulldogs, also off next week, beat up Vanderbilt 55-0 at home Saturday and will take a three-game winning streak against the Gators into the 100th all-time meeting between the two charter SEC programs.

Scoring Summary					UF-LSU
1st	14:01	Florida	Justin Shorter 51 yard TD reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	7-0	
			2 plays, 52 yards, 00:51 TOP		
	7:46	LSU	John Emery Jr. 7 yard TD run (PAT Damian Ramos)	7-7	
			12 plays, 75 yards, 06:15 TOP		
			Montrell Johnson Jr. 39 yard TD run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	14-7	
	2:00	Florida	10 plays, 75 yards, 05:46 TOP		
2nd	11:55	LSU	Jayden Daniels 1 yard TD run (PAT Damian Ramos)	14-14	
			12 plays, 73 yards, 04:55 TOP		
	8:13	UF	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3 yard TD run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	21-14	
			5 plays, 13 yards, 01:24 TOP		
			Brian Thomas Jr. 24 yard TD reception (PAT Damian Ramos)	21-21	
	5:55	LSU	7 plays, 75 yards, 02:18 TOP		
	2:24	LSU	Jaray Jenkins 54 yard TD reception (PAT Damian Ramos)	21-28	
			5 plays, 82 yards, 01:55 TOP		
	13:17	LSU	Jayden Daniels 9 yard TD run (PAT Damian Ramos)	21-35	
3rd			4 play, 75 yards, 01:43 TOP		
			Jayden Daniels 9 yard TD run (PAT Damian Ramos)	21-42	
	1:07	LSU	13 plays, 88 yards, 05:51 TOP		

4th	14:46	UF	Anthony Richardson 81 yard TD run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	28-42
			2 plays, 75 yards, 01:21 TOP	
	07:39	UF	Trevor Etienne 1 yard TD run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	35-42
			11 plays, 80 yards, 05:18 TOP	
	1:39	LSU	Damian Ramos 47 yard field goal	35-45
			12 plays, 46 yards, 05:47 TOP	

### Individual Statistics

<b>Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)</b>	UF - Anthony Richardson (15-25-0, 185, 1)
	LSU - Jayden Daniels (23-32-0, 349, 3)
<b>Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)</b>	UF - Anthony Richardson (9-115, 1), Montrell Johnson Jr. (13-62, 2), Trevor Etienne (8-29, 1), Lorenzo Lingard (3-16, 0)
	LSU - Josh Williams (14-107, 0), Jayden Daniels (14-54, 3), John Emery Jr. (8-31, 0)
<b>Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)</b>	UF - Justin Shorter (3-71, 1), Xzavier Henderson (4-42, 0), Ricky Pearsall (2-49, 0)
	LSU - Kayshon Boutte (6-115, 0), Jaray Jenkins (2-67, 0), Malik Nabers (4-48, 0), Kole Taylor (2-33, 0)
<b>Leading Tacklers</b>	UF - Ventrell Miller (9 Total, 5 Solo), Amari Burney (8 Total), Gervon Dexter Sr. (8 Total)
	LSU - Micah Baskerville (11 Total, 7 solo), Greg Penn III (6 Total)
<b>Sacks (Yds)</b>	UF - 1 (8)
	LSU - 1 (6)
<b>Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))</b>	UF - 0-1 (0)
	LSU - N/A
<b>Interceptions (Yds)</b>	UF - N/A
	LSU - 1N/A

Team Statistics	UF	LSU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	19	26
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	210	179
Rushing Attempts	33	38
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	185	349
Completions-Attempts-Int	15-26-0	23-32-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	395	528
Total Offense Plays	59	70
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-35	5-30
PUNTS-YARDS	2-112	1-40
KICKOFFS-YARDS	6-382	8-519
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-(-6)-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-100-0	1-27-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:13	31:47
3rd Down Conversions	7 of 12	8 of 12
4th Down Conversions	0 of 3	2 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-3	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	1-6
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	5-5	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	0-0	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	0



## GAME 8 SUMMARY

## Georgia 42, Florida 20

Oct. 29 | TIAA Bank Field | Jacksonville, Fla.

Attendance: 75,868

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (4-4)	0	3	17	0	20
Georgia (8-0)	7	7	14	14	42

## Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Quarterback Stetson Bennett passed for 316 yards and two touchdowns, the tailback duo of Kenny McIntosh and Daijun Edwards combined for 196 rushing yards and four scores, and the top-ranked Bulldogs' vaunted defense gave Anthony Richardson and company fits Saturday in routing the Gators in the 100th meeting of their storied Southeastern Conference rivalry at Jacksonville. Short touchdown runs in the first quarter by Edwards and McIntosh were followed by Bennett scoring throws of 73 yards to tight end Brock Bowers and seven to wide receiver Ladd McConkey in the second, as UGA opened a commanding 28-3 halftime lead, with UF limited to a career-best 52-yard field goal from Adam Mihalik. The scoreboard wasn't the only thing that was lopsided at intermission. The Bulldogs out-gained the Gators 346 yards to 84 in total offense, while forcing a half-dozen UF punts (compared to a combined four over the previous four games). UF, though, gave the fans in its half of TIAA Bank Field reason to stick around, thanks to a 75-yard drive to a 3-yard touchdown run by tailback Trevor Etienne, followed by a forced McIntosh fumble and defensive recovery that led to a 26-yard Mihalik field goal and made the score 28-13 midway through the third quarter. On the Bulldogs' ensuing possession, Bennett was intercepted by linebacker Amari Burney, further igniting the UF side, with the energy going next level when Richardson fired a 78-yard touchdown strike to Xavier Henderson that made it a one-possession game, 28-20, with 3:31 to go in the third. That was as close as it got, though. Georgia answered with a 78-yard drive, capped by Edwards' second rushing TD, a 22-yard run up the middle that made it 35-20 with 35 seconds left in the period. Then, after turning Florida away on downs, the Bulldogs drove to a 4-yard McIntosh scoring run, keyed by a Bennett-to-Bowers completion of 29 yards on fourth-and-7 to set up what amounted to the put-away touchdown. When it was over, the Bulldogs had cranked out 555 yards of offense -- the most ever by a Georgia team in the series (surpassing the previous high of 505 in 1976) -- versus 371 for the Gators. Richardson completed 18 of 37 passes for 271 yards and one score, was held to just 19 yards on 11 rushing attempts, was sacked three times and hurried all game. The UF ground attack, averaging 212.6 yards per game coming in, was limited to 100 yards on 34 carries by a defense ranked No. 2 nationally, including fourth against the run.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** Georgia's recent dominance in the series now shows five wins over the previous six meetings by an average of 22 points. Meanwhile, the Gators have dropped four of their first five SEC games for the first time since the 1979, the first under Charley Pell, that finished 0-10-1.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Take your pick of Bulldogs, but what an X-factor Bowers is for that offense, whether he's lined up tight or split out. He finished with five catches for 154 yards and the long TD.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** The Bulldogs' 25-point halftime lead marked the largest at the break in the series for either team since 1996. Florida was up 34-0 on Georgia that year on the way to a 47-7 victory. That UF team was ranked No. 1, as well, and went on to win the national title.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (4-4, 1-4) hits the SEC road with a trip to face Texas A&M (3-4, 1-3). The Aggies took a three-game losing streak into Saturday night's road game at 15th-ranked Ole Miss. Meanwhile, Georgia and No. 3 Tennessee will play next week at Athens, Ga., for what could be the SEC game of the year (and a possible College Football Playoff preview).

Scoring Summary				UF-Georgia
1st	7:15	Georgia	Daijun Edwards 1-yard run (PAT Jack Podlesny)	0-7
			8 plays, 66 yards, 3:06 TOP	
	1:30	Georgia	Kenny McIntosh 2-yard run (PAT Jack Podlesny)	0-14
			8 plays, 80 yards, 3:28 TOP	
2nd	12:36	Georgia	Brock Bowers 73-yard reception (PAT Jack Podlesny)	0-21
			3 plays, 83 yards, 0:50 TOP	
	5:35	UF	Adam Mihalik 52-yard field goal	3-21
			6 plays, 42 yards, 3:07 TOP	
	0:17	Georgia	Ladd McConkey 7-yard reception (PAT Jack Podlesny)	3-28
			7 plays, 54 yards, 0:45 TOP	
3rd	9:34	UF	Trevor Etienne 3-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalik)	10-28
			13 plays, 75 yards, 5:26 TOP	
	6:07	UF	Adam Mihalik 26-yard field goal	13-28
			7 plays, 17 yards, 3:10 TOP	

	3:31	UF	Xavier Henderson 78-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalik)	20-28
			3 play, 82 yards, 0:56 TOP	
	0:35	Georgia	Daijun Edwards 22-yard run (PAT Jack Podlesny)	20-35
			6 plays, 78 yards, 2:50 TOP	
4th	11:44	Georgia	Kenny McIntosh 4-yard run (PAT Jack Podlesny)	20-42
			8 plays, 49 yards, 2:14 TOP	

## Individual Statistics

**Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)** UF - Anthony Richardson (18-37-0, 271, 1)

Georgia - Stetson Bennett (19-38-2, 316, 2)

**Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)** UF - Trevor Etienne (11-53, 1), Montrell Johnson Jr. (11-24, 0), Anthony Richardson (11-19, 0), Lorenzo Lingard (1-4, 0)

Georgia - Daijun Edwards (12-106, 2), Kenny McIntosh (16-90, 2), Branson Robinson (9-35, 0)

**Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)** UF - Xavier Henderson (5-110, 1), Justin Shorter (3-66, 0), Ricky Pearsall (3-38, 0), Trevor Etienne (3-20, 0)

Georgia - Brock Bowers (5-154, 1), Ladd McConkey (4-51, 1),

Darnell Washington (3-47, 0),

**Leading Tacklers** UF - Rashad Torrence (11 Total, 6 Solo), Amari Burney (7 Total), Jason Marshall Jr. (6 Total)

Georgia - Javon Bullard (8 Total, 5 solo), Smael Mondon Jr. (7 Total), Jamon Dumas-Johnson (7 Total)

**Sacks (Yds)** UF - N/A

Georgia - 3 (29)

**Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))** UF - 1-1 (0)

Georgia - N/A

**Interceptions (Yds)** UF - 2 (0)

Georgia - N/A

Team Statistics	UF	Georgia
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	16	27
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	100	239
Rushing Attempts	34	40
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	271	316
Completions-Attempts-Int	18-37-0	19-38-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	371	555
Total Offense Plays	71	78
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-53	4-40
PUNTS-YARDS	6-278	3-118
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-310	7-451
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-12-0	1-7-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-48-0	3-45-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:43	31:17
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 16	6 of 12
4th Down Conversions	0 of 3	2 of 3
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-4	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-29
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	2-2	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-2	0-0
Points Off Turnovers	10	0



## GAME 9 SUMMARY

### Florida 41, Texas A&M 24

Nov. 5 Kyle Field | College Station, Texas.

Attendance: 97,797

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (5-4)	17	3	14	7	41
Texas A&M (3-6)	14	10	0	0	24

#### Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Quarterback Anthony Richardson passed for two touchdowns and ran for a couple more, including a 60-yard dash, as the Gators snapped a two-game losing streak with a Southeastern Conference road victory against the depleted Aggies in front of more than 97,000 at Kyle Field. The game was a first-half shootout, featuring six lead changes, but UF dominated after intermission, getting an especially inspired performance from a defense that had taken its share of criticism in giving up more than 40 points and 500 yards in consecutive losses (at home against LSU and against top-ranked Georgia in Jacksonville) the last two weeks. Against the undermanned Aggies, who had six players out with flu and down another 11 due to injury, the Gators erased a 24-20 halftime deficit by outscoring the home team 21-0 on Richardson touchdown tosses of 19 yards to Ja'Quavion Fraziers and 12 yards to Caleb Douglas in the third quarter, plus Montrell Johnson Jr.'s 5-yard, put-away scoring run with 1:21 to play. The seven possessions of the first half all ended in scores, including Richardson's electrifying and untouched 60-yard run up the right sideline, with A&M tailback Devon Achane's 2-yard TD run with a minute left before intermission putting A&M ahead; for the last time, as it turned out. The Florida defense forced the first A&M three-and-out to start the second half and Richardson, who completed 17 of 28 passes for 201 yards, took possession after a 28-yard punt return by Xzavier Henderson, and needed just two plays to get the Gators in the end zone on a beautiful back-shoulder fade pass that Fraziers hauled in with one hand at the left-front pylon. After that, it was basically all Florida the rest of the way. UF finished with 492 yards of total offense, including 291 on the ground, while A&M, which had to turn to backup quarterback Haynes King (23 of 45 for 279 yards, 1 TD) after Conner Weigman was scratched due to the flu, finished with 413 yards. The overwhelming majority of those yards (read on) came before halftime.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** With their fifth win of the season, the Gators snapped a five-game SEC road losing streak (their previous last away victory in league play was 2020 at Tennessee). More importantly to the here and now, Florida needs just one win in its last three games to become bowl eligible, which has been a stated goal for Coach Billy Napier in his first UF season. The Gators also snapped their pseudo-hex of games against Coach Jimbo Fisher, winning for just the second time in 10 cracks (eight at Florida State, two at A&M) against their former cross-state nemesis.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Credit to UF's co-defensive coordinators, Patrick Toney and Sean Spencer, for whatever adjustments they made at halftime. The Aggies scored 24 points in the first and rolled up 307 yards of total offense, averaging more than nine yards a play while punting just once. In the second half, the Florida defense held A&M to no points, a measly 106 yards, forced five punts, a pair of turnovers and also turned the Aggies away on downs deep in their own territory in the fourth quarter. The Gators came into the game ranked 130th in the country (out of 131 FBS teams) in third-down conversion defense, surrendering a whopping 52 percent. The Aggies converted their first three third-down chances, but went 1-for-10 the rest of the way.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** A&M, which began the 2022 season ranked No. 6 in the country and a trendy pick to reach the College Football Playoff, has lost five straight games for the first time since 1980. That was way back when the Aggies were part of the Southwest Conference (32 years from joining the SEC). A&M needs to win its final three games to avoid missing a bowl game for the first time since 2008.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (5-4, 2-4) will play its final home game (and celebrate its annual "Senior Day") against SEC East foe South Carolina (5-3, 2-3) on Nov. 12 at "The Swamp." The Gamecocks, who trampled the Gators 40-17 last season at Columbia, broke into the Associated Press Top 25 last weekend but lost at home to Missouri. USC is on the road later Saturday night at league-winless Vanderbilt.

Scoring Summary				UF-TAMU
1st	10:41	UF	Adam Mihalek 50-yard field goal	3-0
			9 plays, 42 yards, 4:19 TOP	
	9:21	Texas A&M	Devon Achane 5-yard run (PAT Randy Bond)	3-7
			3 plays, 75 yards, 1:20 TOP	
	6:01	UF	Anthony Richardson 10-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	10-7
			8 plays, 75 yards, 3:20 TOP	
	1:47	Texas A&M	Devon Achane 5-yard reception (PAT Randy Bond)	10-14
			11 plays, 75 yards, 4:14 TOP	
	0:33	UF	Anthony Richardson 60-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	17-14
			3 plays, 75 yards, 1:14 TOP	
2nd	11:58	Texas A&M	Randy Bond 24-yard field goal	17-17
			10 plays, 68 yards, 3:35 TOP	

	4:49	UF	Adam Mihalek 24-yard field goal	20-17
			15 plays, 68 yards, 7:09 TOP	
	1:00	Texas A&M	Devon Achane 2-yard run (PAT Randy Bond)	20-24
			6 play, 74 yards, 1:04 TOP	
3rd	13:32	UF	Ja'Quavion Fraziers 19-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	27-24
			2 plays, 40 yards, 0:32 TOP	
	3:58	UF	Caleb Douglas 12-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	34-24
			10 plays, 81 yards, 5:06 TOP	
4th	1:21	UF	Montrell Johnson Jr. 5-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	41-24
			4 plays, 24 yards, 2:15 TOP	

#### Individual Statistics

**Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)** UF - Anthony Richardson (17-28-0, 201, 2)

TAMU- Haynes King (23-45-0, 279, 1)

**Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)** UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (22-100, 1), Trevor Etienne (17-80, 0), Anthony Richardson (7-78, 2), Ricky Pearsall (3-34, 0)

TAMU - Devon Achane (16-122, 2), Le'Veon Moss (7-24, 0)

**Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)** UF - Ricky Pearsall (3-65, 0), Ja'Quavion Fraziers (4-50, 1), Xzavier Henderson (4-33, 0), Caleb Douglas (3-25, 1), Montrel Johnson Jr. (2-20, 0), Dante Zanders (1-8, 0)

TAMU- Evan Stewart (8-120, 0), Moose Muhammad III (7-99, 0), Max Wright (5-59, 0), Devon Achane (3-1, 1)

**Leading Tacklers** UF -Trey Dean III (7 Total, 6 Solo), Gervon Dexter Jr. (6 Total), Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr. (6 Total, 1 Sack, 2 TFL)

TAMU - Jacoby Matthews (15 Total, 9 solo), Jarred Kerr (10 Total), Tyreek Chappell (8 Total)

**Sacks (Yds)** UF - 2 (12)

TAMU - 1 (5)

**Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))** UF - 2-2 (0)

TAMU - N/A

**Interceptions (Yds)** UF - N/A

TAMU - N/A

Team Statistics	UF	TAMU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	28	23
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	291	134
Rushing Attempts	50	25
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	201	271
Completions-Attempts-Int	17-28-0	23-45-2
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	492	413
Total Offense Plays	78	70
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-39	5-39
PUNTS-YARDS	6-278	3-118
KICKOFFS-YARDS	3-134	6-266
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-35-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	1-19-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	37:07	22:53
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 12	4 of 13
4th Down Conversions	1 of 2	0 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	5-7	4-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-012	1-5
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	5-5	3-3
Field Goals: Total-Made	2-3	1-1
Points Off Turnovers	0	0

## GAME 10 SUMMARY

## Florida 38, South Carolina 6

Nov. 12 | Ben Hill Griffin Stadium | Gainesville, Florida  
Attendance: 89,454

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (6-4)	21	3	7	7	38
South Carolina (6-4)	0	6	0	0	6

## Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** At last, Billy Napier got a wire-to-wire rout — in a Southeastern Conference game, no less — as the UF offense and defense had their finest all-around performances of the season in Saturday's plucking of the Gamecocks at Spurrier/Florida Field, giving the Gators' first-year coach a sixth victory and making his team bowl eligible. Sophomore quarterback Anthony Richardson only passed for 112 yards, but tossed a pair of scores and rushed for another. The Gators absolutely manhandled the Gamecocks on the ground, cranking out 374 yards rushing, including 281 in a first half when UF scored touchdowns on its first three possessions and eventually built a 24-0 lead. At one point, the Gators had three players with at least 100 yards rushing, but Richardson, with 102 yards, was sacked for a 6-yard loss, and what would have been a historic note was suddenly for naught. No matter. Sophomore Montrell Johnson Jr. carried 24 times for a career-high 161 yards and a touchdown. Richardson had 96 yards on 15 attempts. The running play of the day, however, came from freshman Trevor Etienne (8 carries, 100 yards) who took an inside handoff late in the first quarter, broke the line, hit the second level and sped for an 85-yard touchdown run that represented the program's longest play from scrimmage since 2018. Etienne's score put the Gators up 21-0, with Adam Mihalek's 28-yard field goal with just over six minutes to go in the first half making it 24-0. USC got on the board late with just inside two minutes to go in the half when punter Kai Krueger hit a wide open Dakereon Joyner on a fake, with Joyner racing 48 yards for a touchdown. The ensuing two-point conversion failed. Midway through the third quarter, 415-pound nose tackle Desmond Watson stripped Gamecocks tailback Jaheim Bell on a stuffed run into the line for a turnover at the USC 12. Richardson capitalized with a 3-yard touchdown toss to sophomore tight end Jonathan Odom to go up 31-6, his second scoring pass of the day (along with a 15-yarder to wideout Ricky Pearsall in the first quarter). Johnson finished the scoring with an 8-yard run with 6:02 left. For the game, UF finished amassed 515 yards of offense, while holding USC and quarterback Spencer Rattler (8 of 16 for 145 yards) to just 237 total yards, only 44 on the ground, and forcing three turnovers. The Florida defense has now gone six consecutive quarters without surrendering a touchdown (after shutting out Texas A&M in the second half last weekend). The Gamecocks played without their top running back, MarShawn Lloyd (556 yards, 9 TDs), who missed the game with a deep thigh bruise. Doubtful he would have made much of a difference.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** Being bowl eligible was a stated goal by Napier in his first season of this rebuild. No, the Gators aren't going to a New Year's Six game, but they're now assured of those all-important handful of extra holiday-season practices and, if they can build on these back-to-back wins, could end up at a cool venue. Somewhere like, say, Nashville for the Music City Bowl, Memphis for the Liberty Bowl or, closer to home, the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville. There's already some buzz about a potential matchup against Notre Dame.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Etienne's touchdown was the longest by a UF freshman running back since John L. Williams ripped off an 86-yarder against West Texas State on Oct. 16, 1982, a homecoming game the Gators won 77-14. He officially got his first 100-yard game on his eighth carry, which came early in the fourth quarter. UF gets two more years (at least) with Travis's little brother who is well on his way to playing his way out of big bro's shadow.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** UF was thisclose from playing a fourth straight game without committing a turnover. Alas, with 1:14 to play, senior Nay'Quan Wright fumbled at the South Carolina 9 and thus stopped a run of 51 consecutive possessions without a turnover. That's a significant development (and a reason for UF's improved offensive numbers the last few weeks), considering how turnovers undermined the offense during the first half of the season. The Gators' last turnover before Wright's fumble came on the next-to-last possession (a Richardson interception) of their 24-17 home win against Missouri on Oct. 8.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (6-4, 3-4) goes to Vanderbilt to close out the SEC slate with a noon game. The Commodores (4-6, 1-5) began Saturday not only winless in league play this season, but on a 26-game conference losing streak, only to upset Kentucky 24-21 earlier in the day at Lexington. UF has an eight-game winning streak over Vandy, dating to 2014, and has won 30 of the previous 31 in the series, dating to 1989. South Carolina (6-4, 3-4) finishes the season — get this — at home against No. 5 Tennessee and at No. 12 Clemson.

Scoring Summary				UF-SC
1st	9:17	UF	Anthony Richardson 3-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	7-0
			14 plays, 75 yards, 5:43 TOP	
	4:31	UF	Ricky Pearsall 15-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	14-0
			7 plays, 64 yards, 2:40 TOP	

	1:59	UF	Trevor Etienne 85-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	21-0
			2 plays, 85 yards, 0:21 TOP	
2nd	6:24	UF	Adam Mihalek 28-yard field goal	24-0
			11 plays, 82 yards, 6:19 TOP	
	1:52	South Carolina	Dakereon Joyner 48-yard reception (2pt No Good)	24-6
			9 plays, 75 yards, 4:32 TOP	
3rd	9:43	UF	Jonathan Odom 4-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	31-6
			3 plays, 12 yards, 1:15 TOP	
4th	6:02	UF	Montrell Johnson Jr. 8-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	38-6
			8 plays, 48 yards, 4:08 TOP	

## Individual Statistics

**Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)** UF - Anthony Richardson (11-23-0, 112, 2), Jalen Kitna (2-2-0, 29, 0)  
SC - Spencer Rattler (18-26-0, 145, 0), Kai Kroeger (1-1-0, 48, 1)

**Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)** UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (24-161, 1), Trevor Etienne (8-100, 1), Anthony Richardson (15-96, 1), Nay'Quan Wright (3-15, 0)  
SC - Jaheim Bell (12-35, 0), Dakereon Joyner (2-17, 0)

**Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)** UF - Caleb Douglas (3-53, 0), Xzavier Henderson (2-15, 0), Kahleil Jackson (1-23, 0), Ricky Pearsall (1-15, 1), Jonathan Odom (2-6, 1)  
SC - Josh Vann (3-40, 0), Jalen Brooks (3-30, 0), Ahmarean Brown (3-19, 0), Dakereon Joyner (2-73, 1)

**Leading Tacklers** UF - Amari Burney (4 Total, 1 Solo), Ventrell Miller (4 Total, 4 Solo)  
SC - Sherrod Greene (10 Total, 4 solo), Debo Williams (7 Total), Jordan Burch (7 Total)

**Sacks (Yds)** UF - 3 (24)  
SC - 3 (15)

**Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))** UF - 3-3 (16)  
SC - 2-1 (0)

**Interceptions (Yds)** UF - N/A  
SC - N/A

Team Statistics	UF	SC
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	26	11
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	374	44
Rushing Attempts	54	23
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	141	193
Completions-Attempts-Int	13-25-0	19-27-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	515	237
Total Offense Plays	79	50
Fumbles: Number-Lost	4-1	3-3
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-50	11-82
PUNTS-YARDS	2-116	6-270
KICKOFFS-YARDS	7-432	2-130
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-0-0	1-37-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-30-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	36:20	23:40
3rd Down Conversions	9 of 15	3 of 11
4th Down Conversions	1 of 2	1 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	5-8	0-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-24	3-15
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	5-5	0-0
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-2	0-0
Points Off Turnovers	7	0





## GAME 11 SUMMARY

### Vanderbilt 31, Florida 24

Nov. 19 | FirstBank Stadium | Nashville, Tennessee

Attendance:

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (6-5)	3	3	6	12	24
Vanderbilt (5-6)	0	14	14	3	31

#### Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Quarterback Mike Wright threw three touchdown passes to three different receivers and the Vanderbilt defense completely neutralized the Gators' high-powered rushing attack Saturday in a stunning Southeastern Conference upset defeat of the Gators at FirstBank Stadium. The loss was UF's first in the series since 2013 and just the second over the last 31 games, dating to 1989. Wright fired TD tosses of 10 to wideout Jayden McGowan in the second quarter, then seven to Gavin Schoenwald and 28 to Ben Bresnahan, both tight ends, in the third quarter to open a 28-12 lead. Along the way, though, UF did its part in aiding the Commodores, who came in as 22.5-point underdogs having just last week snapped a 26-game SEC losing streak. While Vandy was building its lead, Florida was committing three personal-foul penalties, plus a killer defensive holding call on an incomplete third-down play, all of which came back to haunt the Gators. There was more. Return man Jason Marshall Jr. muffed a punt that caromed into the end zone and was recovered by the Commodores for a special teams TD. And then there was Anthony Richardson's late third-quarter interception (a forced pass while he was being taken down for a sack) that set up the third Wright TD and put the Commodores in front 28-12 with 11 seconds left in the third period. After that pick, Richardson bounced back, firing a 74-yard touchdown pass to wideout Daejon Reynolds (8 catches, 65 yards, 2 TD) with 12 minutes left, but the Gators missed a second attempt at two-point conversion to keep Vandy's lead at 10. Still, UF had a shot to make things interesting when Marshall intercepted Wright with 6:32 to play at the Vandy 5, but the Gators failed on the sudden change even to get a first down, giving the ball back on downs to the Commodores, who padded the lead with a 27-yard field goal from Joseph Bulovas with 4:38 left. Richardson answered, though, driving Florida 75 yards in seven plays, hitting Reynolds for a 16-yard on fourth down with 3:13 left. After a failed onsidess kick attempt, the Gators forced a punt and got possession at their own 9 with 46 seconds left. Richardson threw his team to the Vandy 34, but his Hail Mary attempt on the game's final snap sailed out of the back of the end zone. Wright finished 10 of 16 for 108 yards, the three scores and a pick, while senior tailback Ray Davis carried 30 times for 122 yards for a Vandy ground game that went for 175 yards. Richardson hit 25 of 42 for 400 and three scores, but rushed only four times for 25 yards. The Florida running game, averaging 225.3 yards coming in (2nd in the SEC, 3rd nationally) and 6.1 yards per game (first and second, respectively), was stonewalled to just 45 yards on 21 attempts (2.1 per carry). UF sixth-year senior linebacker Ventrell Miller, the heart and soul of the Florida defense and locker room, was ejected from the game in the second half due to a targeting call and thus will be disqualified from the first half of the Gators' next game. A pretty big one. Read on.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** The charge to finish strong and secure the most attractive bowl game hit a Music City wall. The UF coaches will need to do a deep dive into what exactly went wrong (or what Vandy did right) with the running game. The Commodores now trail in the all-time series 11-43-2.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** Vandy's defense earlier this season gave up 495 yards against FCS opponent Elon, and three other times surrendered at least 500 yards against an opponent. The Commodores came into the game allowing 164.3 yards rushing per game, which ranked 91st in the country, but the Gators finished 119 yards under that figure, with tailbacks Montrell Johnson Jr. and Trevor Etienne combining for just 41 combined yards on 14 carries.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** Vanderbilt, which beat Kentucky on the road last week, has its first two-game winning streak in SEC play since Nov. 17 and 24 of 2018, when the Commodores finished the season with a 36-29 win over Ole Miss and 38-13 thrashing of rival Tennessee on the way to posting a 6-6 record that got them a berth in the Texas Bowl against Baylor. The win also ended Vandy's 12-game home losing streak.

**UP NEXT:** Florida (6-5) will wrap the 2022 regular season Friday night with its first road game at rival and 19th-ranked Florida State (7-4) since 2018. The Gators own a three-game winning streak against the Seminoles, with the 2020 game at Tallahassee canceled due to COVID after the SEC opted for an all-league schedule for its teams. Billy Napier will be the third different UF coach (joining Dan Mullen and interim Greg Knox) to face FSU in the series' last three meetings. The Seminoles, who defeated Louisiana 49-17 Saturday, moved into the Associated Press Top 25 two weeks ago and will be ranked when the teams play for the first time since 2016. UF leads the series 37-26-2.

Scoring Summary				UF-VAN
1st	8:21	UF	Adam Mihalek 26-yard field goal	3-0
			11 plays, 63 yards, 5:14 TOP	
2nd	11:04	VAN	Jayden McGowan 10-yard reception (PAT Joseph Bulovas)	3-7
			11 plays, 81 yards, 6:31 TOP	
	4:38	UF	Adam Mihalek 44-yard field goal	6-7
			9 plays, 48 yards, 5:20 TOP	

	3:22	VAN	Wesley Schelling Fumble Recovery in Endzone	6-14
3rd	10:17	UF	Montrell Johnson Jr. 3-yard reception (Zpt No Good)	12-14
			11 plays, 75 yards, 4:43 TOP	
3rd	3:23	VAN	Gavin Schoenwald 7-yard reception (PAT Joseph Bulovas)	12-21
			12 plays, 66 yards, 6:49 TOP	
	2:06	VAN	Ben Bresnahan 28-yard reception (PAT Joseph Bulovas)	12-28
			1 play, 28 yards, 0:11 TOP	
4th	12:03	UF	Daejon Reynolds 74-yard reception (Zpt No Good)	18-28
			2 plays, 91 yards, 0:27 TOP	
	4:38	VAN	Joseph Bulovas 27-yard field goal	18-31
			4 plays, 3 yards, 0:21 TOP	
	3:13	UF	Daejon Reynolds 16-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek Missed)	24-31
			7 plays, 75 yards, 1:20 TOP	

#### Individual Statistics

Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)	UF - Anthony Richardson (25-42-1, 400, 3)
	VAN - Mike Wright (10-16-1, 108, 3)
Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)	UF - Montrell Johnson Jr. (11-32, 0), Anthony Richardson (4-25, 0), Trevor Etienne (4-9, 0),
	VAN - Ray Davis (30-122, 0), Patrick Smith (8-40, 0), Mike Wright (8-13, 0)
Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)	UF - Daejon Reynolds (8-165, 2), Justin Shorter (8-106, 0), Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman (3-57, 0), Ricky Pearsall (1-27, 0), Trevor Etienne (1-26, 0)
	VAN - Jayden McGowan (3-23, 1), Will Sheppard (2-20, 0), Ben Bresnahan (1-12, 0), Gavin Schoenwald (1-7, 1)
Leading Tacklers	UF - Ventrell Miller (11 Total, 3 Solo), Amari Burney (10 Total, 4 Solo)
	VAN - CJ Taylor (10 Total, 3 solo), Anfernee Orji (8 Total, 4 Solo)
Sacks (Yds)	UF - 31(2)
	VAN - N/A
Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))	UF - 1-1 (0)
	VAN - 0-1 (0)
Interceptions (Yds)	UF - 1 (0)
	VAN - 1 (0)

Team Statistics	UF	VAN
FIRST DOWNS	20	18
NET YARDS RUSHING	45	175
Rushing Attempts	21	46
NET YARDS PASSING	400	108
Completions-Attempts-Int	25-43-1	10-16-1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	445	283
Total Offense Plays	64	62
Fumbles: Number-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-80	4-35
PUNTS-YARDS	3-139	4-174
KICKOFFS-YARDS	5-314	6-382
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-(-5)-0	0-0-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-41-0	2-62-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:34	33:26
3rd Down Conversions	4 of 15	7 of 14
4th Down Conversions	3 of 4	0 of 1
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	3-3	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-2	0-0
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	0-1	4-4
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-2	0-0
Points Off Turnovers	7	0

## GAME 12 SUMMARY

## Florida State 45, Florida 38

Nov. 25 | Doak Campbell Stadium | Tallahassee, Florida

Attendance: 79,560

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Florida (6-6)	14	10	0	14	38
Florida State (9-3)	14	7	17	7	45

## Chris Harry's Quick Slant

**WHAT HAPPENED:** Florida State RB Trey Benson scored on a 17-yard run with 4:06 left to play as the host Seminoles withstood a late rally by the Gators to win 45-38 on Friday night at sold-out Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee. The Gators (6-6) fell behind 38-24 after three quarters, but a 1-yard TD run by Montrell Johnson Jr. and a 45-yard scoring dash by Trevor Etienne tied the game 38-38 with 7:41 remaining. The No. 16-ranked Seminoles (9-3) answered with a seven-play, 65-yard drive that ended with Benson's TD run. Benson rushed for 111 yards and three scores. Still, the Gators drove to FSU's 26 on their final possession, but on fourth-and-12, QB Anthony Richardson faced immediate pressure and had to throw the ball into the end zone, where it fell incomplete. The combined 83 points are the most in the rivalry's storied history, which dates to 1958. FSU scored 17 unanswered points in the third quarter, capped by a 6-yard TD pass from QB Jordan Travis to Kentron Poitier that put the Seminoles ahead 38-24. The turnaround stunned the Gators after a back-and-forth first half. Richardson, despite a UF receivers corps missing five regulars due to injury, threw three TD passes in the opening half, and K Adam Mihalek booted a 41-yard FG as Florida entered halftime with a 24-21 lead. Richardson connected with WR Ricky Pearsall for a pair of scores, the first a 52-yard strike in the first quarter 16 seconds after FSU scored the game's first TD. Richardson added a 12-yard TD pass to TE Jonathan Odom later in the quarter to put Florida up 14-7. FSU responded this time with a 29-yard touchdown run by Travis, who escaped a heavy rush and danced his way down the sideline. Once again, Richardson found Pearsall, this time for a 43-yard TD that put the Gators back in front, 21-14, with 9:25 left before halftime. Pearsall finished with five receptions for a career-high 148 yards and two scores. However, the Seminoles answered with another spectacular run by Travis. The Gators blitzed on third-and-10 with FSU at their 11, and Travis avoided four defenders in the backfield, broke from the pocket, and raced to the 1-yard line where he was ruled down. Travis scored on the next play as FSU tied the game 21-21 with 5:44 to play in the first half.

**WHAT IT MEANS:** Florida's three-game win streak over the Seminoles is over. FSU had not beaten the Gators since 2017. The Gators lost their final two regular-season games on the road at Vanderbilt and Florida State, giving first-year coach Billy Napier a 6-6 record in his first regular season. The Gators will try to win a bowl game to finish on a positive note.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** The quarterback matchup between Florida's Anthony Richardson and FSU's Jordan Travis was worth the price of admission. Richardson threw three touchdowns in the first half and was 5 of 7 for 151 yards at the break. However, Richardson threw 11 consecutive incomplete passes at one point in the second half to finish 9 of 27 for 198 yards, 3 TDs and 1 INT. He added 41 yards on 10 carries. Travis completed only 43 percent of his passes (13 of 30, 270 yards, 1 TD), but he did not toss an interception and was exceptional with his feet. Travis rushed 15 times for 83 yards and two TDs. The Gators finished with 460 yards of total offense, FSU had 497.

**STAGGERING STATISTIC:** In the troublesome third quarter for the Gators, they managed minus-2 yards of total offense on their first three drives of the second half (nine plays). The Seminoles gained 162 yards on their first three drives, each ending with a score.

**UP NEXT:** The Gators, who became bowl eligible by beating South Carolina at home two weeks ago, now must wait to hear their postseason destination next weekend. They finished the regular season 6-6 for the second year in a row and will need a bowl win to finish with a winning record.

Scoring Summary				UF-FSU
1st	11:30	FSU	Trey Benson 9-yard run (PAT Ryan Fitzgerald)	0-7
			2 plays, 54 yards, 0:34 TOP	
	11:14	UF	Ricky Pearsall 52-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	7-7
			1 plays, 52 yards, 0:07 TOP	
	4:06	UF	Jonathan Odom 12-yard reception	14-7
			9 plays, 63 yards, 4:21 TOP	
	1:28	FSU	Travis Jordan 29-yard run (PAT Ryan Fitzgerald)	14-14
			6 plays, 75 yards, 2:38 TOP	
2nd	9:25	UF	Ricky Pearsall 43-yard reception (PAT Adam Mihalek)	21-14
			4 plays, 80 yards, 2:10 TOP	
	5:44	FSU	Travis Jordan 1-yard run (PAT Ryan Fitzgerald)	21-21
			9 plays, 75 yards, 3:41 TOP	

	0:42	UF	Adam Mihalek 26-yard field goal	24-21
			13 plays, 56 yards, 4:56 TOP	
3rd	8:53	FSU	Ryan Fitzgerald 46-yard field goal	24-24
			14 plays, 52 yards, 5:12 TOP	
	4:21	FSU	Trey Benson 1-yard run	24-31
			8 plays, 66 yards, 3:30 TOP	
	2:28	FSU	Kentron Poitier 6-yard reception (PAT Ryan Fitzgerald)	24-38
			2 plays, 44 yards, 0:52 TOP	
4th	10:35	UF	Montrell Johnson Jr. 1-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	31-38
			13 plays, 75 yards, 6:53 TOP	
	7:41	UF	Trevor Etienne 45-yard run (PAT Adam Mihalek)	38-38
			3 plays, 50 yards, 1:20 TOP	
	4:06	FSU	Trey Benson 17-yard run (PAT Ryan Fitzgerald)	38-45
			7 plays, 65 yards, 3:35 TOP	

## Individual Statistics

<b>Passing (C-A-I, Yd, TD)</b>	UF - Anthony Richardson (9-27-1, 198, 3)
	FSU - Jordan Travis (13-30-0, 270, 1)
<b>Rushing (Att-Yd, TD)</b>	UF - Trevor Etienne (17-129, 1), Montrell Johnson Jr. (17-85, 1), Anthony Richardson (10-41, 0), Jalen Kitna (1-6, 0)
	FSU - Trey Benson (20-111, 3), Jordan Travis (15-83, 2), Lawrance Toafili (4-25, 0), Treshaun Ward (4-9, 0)
<b>Receiving (Rec-Yd, TD)</b>	UF - Ricky Pearsall (5-148, 2), Jonathan Odom (3-39, 1), Dante Zanders (1-11, 0)
	FSU - Kentron Poitier (3-37, 1), Trey Benson (2-51, 0), Johnny Wilson (2-46, 0), Camren McDonald (2-44, 1), Malik McClain (1-44, 0)
<b>Leading Tacklers</b>	UF - Trey Dean III (9 Total, 4 Solo), Kamari Wilson (8 Total, 5 Solo)
	FSU - Tatum Vethune (11 Total, 3 solo), Jammie Robinson (10 Total, 5 Solo)
<b>Sacks (Yds)</b>	UF - 2 (9)
	FSU - 1 (1)
<b>Fumbles (FF-FR (Yds))</b>	UF - 2-1 (0)
	FSU - N/A
<b>Interceptions (Yds)</b>	UF - N/A
	FSU - 1 (0)

Team Statistics	UF	FSU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	22	26
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	262	227
Rushing Attempts	46	44
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	198	270
Completions-Attempts-Int	9-27-1	13-30-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	460	497
Total Offense Plays	73	74
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	10-91	6-38
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	3-139	2-94
KICKOFFS-YARDS	7-442	8-507
Punt Returns: Number-Yards-TD	2-17-0	2-7-0
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards-TD	3-87-0	0-0-0
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b>	29:53	30:07
3rd Down Conversions	8 of 16	9 of 16
4th Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 2
Red-Zone: Scores-Chances	2-2	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	1-1
PAT Kicks: Total-Made	5-5	6-6
Field Goals: Total-Made	1-1	1-2
Points Off Turnovers	0	0





# BOWL HISTORY

FLORIDA VS OREGON STATE





## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### RUSHING YARDS

#### Florida

234 – Fred Taylor (43 carries), 1998 Citrus Bowl  
187 – Larry Smith (23 carries), 1967 Orange Bowl  
182 – Errict Rhett (39 carries), 1992 Gator Bowl  
165 – Percy Harvin (13 carries), 2008 Capital One Bowl  
159 – Emmitt Smith (28 carries), 1988 All-American Bowl  
149 – Earnest Graham (16 carries), 2002 Orange Bowl  
138 – Lamical Perine (13 carries), 2019 Orange Bowl  
136 – Earnest Graham (15 carries), 2001 Sugar Bowl  
128 – Emmitt Smith (17 carries), 1987 Aloha Bowl  
122 – Percy Harvin (9 carries), 2009 BCS Championship

#### Opponent

199 – Tommie Frazier (Nebraska, 16 carries), 1996 Fiesta Bowl  
186 – Rhamondre Stevenson (Oklahoma, 18 carries), 2020 Cotton Bowl  
165 – Lawrence Phillips (Nebraska, 25 carries), 1996 Fiesta Bowl  
161 – Gary Anderson (Arkansas, 26 carries), 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl  
159 – Charlie Wysocki (Maryland, 39 carries), 1980 Tangerine Bowl  
156 – Chuck Varner (Miami, Ohio, 28 carries), 1973 Tangerine Bowl  
155 – Isaiah Bowser (UCF, 35 carries), 2021 Gasparilla Bowl  
150 – Fred Russell (Iowa, 21 carries), 2003 Outback Bowl  
150 – Jerome Bettis (Notre Dame, 16 carries), 1992 Sugar Bowl

### PASSING YARDS

#### Florida

482 – Tim Tebow (31 of 35), 2010 Sugar Bowl  
394 – Danny Wuerffel (28 of 39), 1995 Sugar Bowl  
370 – Shane Matthews (28 of 58), 1992 Sugar Bowl  
352 – Steve Spurrier (27 of 45), 1966 Sugar Bowl  
323 – Rex Grossman (21 of 41), 2003 Outback Bowl  
306 – Danny Wuerffel (18 of 34), 1997 Sugar Bowl  
305 – Kyle Trask (24 of 39), 2019 Orange Bowl  
288 – Doug Johnson (24 of 50), 2000 Citrus Bowl  
278 – Chris Leak (25 for 40), 2006 Outback Bowl  
271 – Wayne Peace (20 of 34), 1980 Tangerine Bowl

#### Opponent

373 – Chad Henne (Michigan, 25 of 39), 2008 Capital One Bowl  
346 – Drew Tate (Iowa, 32 of 55), 2006 Outback Bowl  
323 – Bryce Perkins (Virginia, 28 of 40), 2019 Orange Bowl  
319 – John Navarre (Michigan, 21 of 36) 2003 Outback Bowl  
278 – Jake Rudock (Michigan, 20 of 31) 2016 Citrus Bowl  
271 – Thad Busby (Florida State, 17 of 41), 1997 Sugar Bowl  
270 – Ken Dorsey (Miami, 22 of 40), 2001 Sugar Bowl  
266 – Teddy Bridgewater (Louisville, 20 of 32), 2013 Sugar Bowl  
257 – Shaun Hill (Maryland, 23 of 39), 2002 Orange Bowl  
257 – Bill Burke (Michigan State, 21 of 35), 2000 Citrus Bowl

### TOUCHDOWN PASSES

#### Florida

4 – Rex Grossman, 2002 Orange Bowl  
3 – Tim Tebow, 2010 Sugar Bowl  
3 – Tim Tebow, 2008 Capital One Bowl  
3 – Doug Johnson, 2000 Citrus Bowl  
3 – Danny Wuerffel, 1997 Sugar Bowl  
3 – Bob Hewko, 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl

### MOST RECEPTIONS

11 – Travis Taylor (vs. Michigan State), 2000 Citrus Bowl  
10 – Dallas Baker (vs. Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl  
10 – Taylor Jacobs (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl  
9 – Aaron Hernandez (vs. Cincinnati), 2010 Sugar Bowl  
9 – Percy Harvin (vs. Michigan), 2008 Capital One Bowl  
9 – Percy Harvin (vs. Ohio State), 2007 BCS Championship  
9 – Willie Jackson (vs. West Virginia), 1994 Sugar Bowl  
9 – Barry Brown (vs. Missouri), 1966 Sugar Bowl  
8 – 6x, most recent: O.J. Small (vs. Miami), 2004 Peach Bowl

### INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING YARDS

181 – Riley Cooper (vs. Cincinnati), 2010 Sugar Bowl  
170 – Taylor Jacobs (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl  
166 – Cris Collinsworth (vs. Maryland), 1980 Tangerine Bowl  
159 – Travis Taylor (vs. Syracuse), 1999 Orange Bowl  
156 – Travis Taylor (vs. Michigan State), 2000 Citrus Bowl  
150 – Ike Hilliard (vs. Florida State), 1997 Sugar Bowl  
148 – Willie Jackson (vs. Notre Dame), 1992 Sugar Bowl  
147 – Dallas Baker (vs. Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl  
131 – Willie Jackson (vs. West Virginia), 1994 Sugar Bowl  
129 – Van Jefferson (vs. Virginia), 2019 Orange Bowl

### TOTAL OFFENSE

533 – Tim Tebow (482 pass, 51 run), vs. Cincinnati, 2010 Sugar Bowl  
397 – Shane Matthews (370 pass, 27 run), vs. Notre Dame, 1992 Sugar Bowl  
371 – Danny Wuerffel (394 pass, -23 run), vs. FSU, 1995 Sugar Bowl  
346 – Rex Grossman (323 pass, 23 run), vs. Michigan, 2003 Outback Bowl  
343 – Steve Spurrier (352 pass, -9 run), vs. Missouri, 1966 Sugar Bowl  
342 – Kyle Trask (305 pass, 37 rush), vs. Virginia, 2019 Orange Bowl  
340 – Tim Tebow (231 Pass, 109 run), vs. Okla., 2009 BCS Champ.  
296 – Danny Wuerffel (306 pass, -10 run) vs. FSU, 1997 Sugar Bowl  
283 – Wayne Peace (271 pass, 12 run), vs. Maryland, 1980 Tangerine Bowl

### SCORING

18 – Lamical Perine (vs. Virginia), 2019 Orange Bowl (3 TDs)  
18 – Travis Taylor (vs. Michigan State), 2000 Citrus Bowl (3 TDs)  
18 – Ike Hilliard (vs. Florida State), 1997 Sugar Bowl (3 TDs)  
18 – Errict Rhett (vs. West Virginia), 1994 Sugar Bowl (3 TDs)  
18 – Dwayne Dixon (vs. Arkansas), 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl (3 TDs)  
16 – Arden Czyzewski (vs. Notre Dame), 1992 Sugar Bowl (5 FGs-Sugar Bowl record; 1 PAT)

### LONGEST PLAYS

#### Rushing

94 – Larry Smith (vs. Georgia Tech), 1967 Orange Bowl

#### Rushing (Touchdown)

94 – Larry Smith (vs. Georgia Tech), 1967 Orange Bowl

#### Pass (Touchdown)

85 – Austin Appleby to Mark Thompson (vs. Iowa), 2017 Outback

#### Field Goal

51 – Jeff Chandler (vs. Miami), 2001 Sugar Bowl

#### Punt

69 – Robby Stevenson (vs. Florida State), 1997 Sugar Bowl

#### Kickoff Return (Touchdown)

100 – Andre Debose (vs. Louisville), 2013 Sugar Bowl

## TEAM RECORDS

### SCORING

**Most Points by Florida:** 56 (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl  
**Most Points by an Opponent:** 62 (vs. Nebraska), 1996 Fiesta Bowl  
**Most Points (Both teams):** 86 (Nebraska 62, Florida 24), 1996 Fiesta Bowl  
**Fewest Points by Florida:** 0 (vs. Maryland), 1975 Gator Bowl  
**Fewest Points by an Opponent:** 3 (Iowa), 2017 Outback Bowl  
**Fewest Points (Both teams):** 10 (Ole Miss 7, UF 3), 1958 Gator Bowl

### RUSHING

**Most Yards by Florida:** 284 (vs. Georgia Tech), 1967 Orange Bowl  
**Most Yards by an Opponent:** 524 (Nebraska), 1996 Fiesta Bowl  
**Fewest Yards by Florida:** -30 (vs. West Virginia), 1981 Peach Bowl  
**Fewest Yards by Opponent:** 40 (Baylor), 1960 Gator Bowl

### PASSING

**Most Yards Passing by Florida:** 482 (vs. Cincinnati), 2010 Sugar Bowl  
**Most Yards Passing by Opponent:** 373 (Michigan), 2008 Capital One Bowl  
**Fewest Yards Passing by Florida:** 28 (vs. Maryland), 1975 Gator Bowl  
**Fewest Yards Passing by Opponent:** 6 (Miami, Ohio), 1973 Tangerine Bowl  
**Most Passes Attempted by Florida:** 58 (vs. Notre Dame), 1992 Sugar Bowl  
**Most Passes Attempted by Opponent:** 55 (Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl  
**Fewest Passes Attempted by Florida:** 8 (vs. Baylor), 1960 Gator Bowl  
**Fewest Passes Attempted by Opponent:** 7 (Ole Miss), 1958 Gator Bowl  
**Most Passes Completed by Florida:** 33 (vs. Maryland), 2002 Orange Bowl  
**Most Passes Completed by Opponent:** 32 (Iowa), 2006 Outback Bowl  
**Fewest Passes Completed by Florida:** 3 (vs. Maryland), 1975 Gator Bowl  
**Fewest Passes Completed by Opponent:** 1 (Miami, Ohio), 1973 Tangerine Bowl

### TOTAL OFFENSE

**Most Yards by Florida:** 659 (vs. Cincinnati; 177 run, 482 pass), 2010 Sugar Bowl; (vs. Maryland; 203 run, 456 pass), 2002 Orange Bowl  
**Most Yards by Opponent:** 684 (vs. Oklahoma; 435 run, 249 pass), 2020 Cotton Bowl  
**Most Yards (Both teams):** 1,205 (Florida 521, Oklahoma 684), 2020 Cotton Bowl  
**Fewest Yards by Florida:** 105 (vs. West Virginia; 135 pass, -30 run), 1981 Peach Bowl  
**Fewest Yards by Opponent:** 82 (Ohio State; 35 pass, 47 run), 2007 BCS Championship  
**Fewest Yards (Both teams):** 387 (Florida 248, Penn State 139), 1962 Gator Bowl

## ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

### 46 Bowl Appearances

#### 24-22 All-Time Bowl Record

Year	Bowl	Site	W/L	UF	Score	Opponent	Score	MVP
1953	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	14	Tulsa	13	J. "Papa" Hall
1958	Gator	Jacksonville	L	Florida	3	Ole Miss	7	Dave Hudson
1960	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	13	Baylor	12	Larry Libertore
1962	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	17	Penn State	7	Tommy Shannon
1966	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	18	Missouri	20	Steve Spurrier
1967	Orange	Miami	W	Florida	27	Georgia Tech	12	Larry Smith
1969	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	14	Tennessee	13	Mike Kelley
1973	Tangerine	Gainesville	L	Florida	7	Miami (OH)	16	
1974	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	10	Nebraska	13	
1975	Gator	Jacksonville	L	Florida	0	Maryland	13	Sammy Green
1977	Sun	El Paso	L	Florida	14	Texas A&M	37	
1980	Tangerine	Orlando	W	Florida	35	Maryland	20	Cris Collinsworth
1981	Peach	Atlanta	L	Florida	6	West Virginia	26	
1982	Bluebonnet	Houston	L	Florida	24	Arkansas	28	Dwayne Dixon
1983	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	14	Iowa	6	Tony Lilly
1987	Aloha	Honolulu	L	Florida	16	UCLA	20	Emmitt Smith
1988	All-American	Birmingham	W	Florida	14	Illinois	10	Emmitt Smith
1989	Freedom	Anaheim	L	Florida	7	Washington	34	Huey Richardson
1992	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	28	Notre Dame	39	
1992	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	27	N.C. State	10	Errict Rhett
1994	Sugar	New Orleans	W	Florida	41	West Virginia	7	Errict Rhett
1995	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	17	Florida State	23	
1996	Fiesta	Tempe	L	Florida	24	Nebraska	62	
1997	Sugar	New Orleans	W	Florida	52	Florida State	20	Danny Wuerffel
1998	Citrus	Orlando	W	Florida	21	Penn State	6	Fred Taylor
1999	Orange	Miami	W	Florida	31	Syracuse	10	Travis Taylor
2000	Citrus	Orlando	L	Florida	34	Michigan State	37	
2001	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	20	Miami (FL)	37	
2002	Orange	Miami	W	Florida	56	Maryland	23	Taylor Jacobs
2003	Outback	Tampa	L	Florida	30	Michigan	38	
2004	Outback	Tampa	L	Florida	17	Iowa	37	
2004	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta	L	Florida	10	Miami (FL)	27	
2006	Outback	Tampa	W	Florida	31	Iowa	24	Dallas Baker
2007	BCS Championship	Glendale	W	Florida	41	Ohio State	14	Chris Leak (offense); Derrick Harvey (defense)
2008	Capital One	Orlando	L	Florida	35	Michigan	41	
2009	BCS Championship	Miami	W	Florida	24	Oklahoma	14	Tim Tebow (offense); Carlos Dunlap (defense)
2010	Sugar	New Orleans	W	Florida	51	Cincinnati	24	Tim Tebow
2011	Outback	Tampa	W	Florida	37	Penn State	24	Ahmad Black
2012	Gator	Jacksonville	W	Florida	24	Ohio State	17	Andre Debose
2013	Sugar	New Orleans	L	Florida	23	Louisville	33	
2014	Birmingham	Birmingham	W	Florida	28	East Carolina	20	Adam Lane
2015	BWW Citrus	Orlando	L	Florida	7	Michigan	41	
2016	Outback	Tampa	W	Florida	30	Iowa	3	Chauncey Gardner
2018	Chick-fil-A	Atlanta	W	Florida	41	Michigan	15	Feleipe Franks (offense); Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (defense)
2019	Orange	Miami Gardens	W	Florida	36	Virginia	28	Lamical Perine
2020	Cotton	Arlington	L	Florida	20	Oklahoma	55	Rhamondre Stevenson (Offense); Tre Norwood (Defense)
2021	Gasparilla	Tampa	L	Florida	17	UCF	29	Ryan O'Keefe



## ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

### 1953 GATOR BOWL

*Jan. 1, 1953 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 30,000 Est.)*

FLORIDA	14
TULSA	13

Florida	7	7	0	0-14
Tulsa	0	0	7	6-13

**UF** - Casares 2 run (Casares kick)

**UF** - Robinson to Hall 37 pass (Casares kick)

**TUL** - Roberts 3 run (Minor kick)

**TUL** - Waugh 2 run (Minor kick missed)

	FLORIDA	TULSA
First Downs	20	17
Rushes-Yards	54-233	50-182
Passing Yards	101	132
Att.-Comp.-Int.	11-7-1	16-10-1
Total Offense	334	314
Punts-Yards	1-38	4-31
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	2-1
Penalty Yards	34	84

#### Rushing:

Florida - Hall 17-94, Casares 21-86, Long 9-32, Haddock 2-30.

Tulsa - Kercher 16-71, Waugh 15-65, Roberts 8-39, Kelly 4-17, Halladay 5-15.

#### Passing:

Florida - Dickey 4-5-0-68-0 TD, Robinson 3-6-1-33-0 TD.

Tulsa - Morris 10-16-1-132-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Florida - Hall 2-60, Casares 1-7, O'Brien 2-23.

Tulsa - Miney 6-77, Roberts 3-41, Halladay 1-14.

### 1958 GATOR BOWL

*Dec. 27, 1958 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 41,000 Est.)*

OLE MISS	7
FLORIDA	3

Ole Miss	7	0	0	0-7
Florida	3	0	0	0-3

**MISS** - Anderson 1 run (kick good)

**UF** - Booker 17-yard FG

	OLE MISS	FLORIDA
First Downs	9	12
Rushes-Yards	41-157	42-157
Passing Yards	27	58
Att.-Comp.-Int.	7-2-0	11-5-5
Total Offense	184	215
Punts-Yards	10-34.4	7-44.1
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	5-3
Penalties-Yards	2-10	3-35

#### Rushing:

Ole Miss - Anderson 9-62, Lovelace 7-28, Flowers 4-20.

Florida - Newbern 5-59, Milby 10-35, Giles 3-20, Deal 6-18.

#### Passing:

Ole Miss - Franklin 2-7-0-27-0 TD.

Florida - Dunn 5-11-1-58-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Ole Miss - Grantham 1-15, Daniels 1-12.

Florida - Hudson 3-32, Dilts 1-3, Partin 1-13.

### 1960 GATOR BOWL

*Dec. 31, 1960 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 50,122)*

FLORIDA	13
BAYLOR	12

Florida	0	13	0	0-13
Baylor	0	0	0	12-12

**UF** - Goodman 3 run (Cash kick)

**UF** - Travis fumble recovery in endzone (Cash kick missed)

**BAY** - Ply to Goodwin 12 pass (Corley kick missed)

**BAY** - Bull 3 run (Ply pass incomplete)

	FLORIDA	BAYLOR
First Downs	11	15
Rushes-Yards	52-176	37-40
Passing Yards	57	211
Att.-Comp.-Int.	8-5-0	27-13-0
Total Offense	233	251
Punts-Yards	7-37.0	5-33.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	6-70	1-5

#### Rushing:

Florida - Libertore 14-61, Goodman 10-28, Infante 6-24.

Baylor - Bull 14-53, Ply 14-5, Tate 1-5.

#### Passing:

Florida - Dodd 3-5-0-21-0 TD, Libertore 2-3-0-36-0 TD.

Baylor - Ply 12-24-0-161-1 TD, Stanley 1-3-0-49-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Florida - Infante 3-47.

Baylor - Goodwin 7-129-1 TD, David 3-33.

### 1962 GATOR BOWL

*Dec. 30, 1962 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 50,286)*

FLORIDA	17
PENN STATE	7

Florida	3	7	0	7-17
Penn State	0	7	0	0-7

**UF** - Lyle 43-yard FG

**UF** - Shannon to Dupree 1 pass (Hall kick)

**PSU** - Liske 1 run (Crates kick)

**UF** - Shannon to Clarke 19 pass (Hall kick)

	FLORIDA	PENN ST
First Downs	14	8
Rushing Yards	162	89
Passing Yards	86	50
Att.-Comp.-Int.	13-18-1	18-6-1
Total Offense	248	139
Punts-Yards	6-33.7	6-40.8
Fumbles	4	3
Penalty Yards	42	43

#### Rushing:

Florida - Dupree 25-66, Mack 10-33, Shannon 12-26.

Penn State - Hayes 10-25, Kochman 6-51.

#### Passing:

Florida - Shannon 7-9-1-79-2 TD, Batten 1-4-0-7-0 TD.

Penn State - Liske 6-18-1-54-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Florida - Clarke 2-27, Brown 3-25.

Penn State - Powell 4-40.

### 1966 SUGAR BOWL

*Jan. 1, 1966 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 67,421)*

MISSOURI	20
FLORIDA	18

Missouri	0	17	3	0-20
Florida	0	0	0	18-18

**MIZZOU** - Brown 16 run (Bates kick)

**MIZZOU** - Roland to Denny 1 pass (Bates kick)

**MIZZOU** - Bates 37-yard FG

**MIZZOU** - Bates 34-yard FG

**UF** - Spurrier to Harper 22 pass (pass failed)

**UF** - Spurrier 2 run (pass failed)

**UF** - Spurrier to Casey 21 pass (pass failed)

	MISSOURI	FLORIDA
First Downs	18	18
Rushes-Yards	62-257	16-(-2)
Passing Yards	50	352
Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-5-1	46-27-1
Total Offense	307	350
Punts-Yards	5-44.0	6-32.5
Fumbles	2-2	1-1
Penalty Yards	2-30	3-25

#### Rushing:

Missouri - Brown 23-121-1 TD, Lane 19-76.

Florida - Poe 2-11, Spurrier 7-(-9).

#### Passing:

Missouri - Lane 4-13-1-39-1 TD.

Florida - Spurrier 22-45-1-352-2 TD.

#### Receiving:

Missouri - Phelps 2-11, Walker 1-14.

Florida - Casey 5-108-1 TD, Brown 9-88, Harper 4-66-1 TD, Trapp 5-53.

### 1967 ORANGE BOWL

*Jan. 1, 1967 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 73,426)*

FLORIDA	27
GEORGIA TECH	12

Florida	0	7	7	13-27
Georgia Tech	6	0	0	6-12

**GT** - King to Bangham 10 pass (run failed)

**UF** - McKeel run (Barfield kick)

**UF** - Smith 94 run (Barfield kick)

**UF** - McKeel 1 run (Barfield kick)

**GT** - Good 25 run (pass failed)

**UF** - Wages to Coone 25 pass (pass failed)

	FLORIDA	GA TECH
First Downs	22	17
Rushing Yards	284	197
Passing Yards	165	122
Att.-Comp.-Int.	32-15-1	22-8-1
Total Offense	449	319
Punts-Yards	7-36	8-42
Fumbles	1	1
Penalty Yards	32	42

#### Rushing:

Florida - Smith 23-187, McKeel 13-30, Barfield 3-28, Spurrier 4-14.

Georgia Tech - Snow 24-110, Good 3-34.

#### Passing:

Florida - Spurrier 30-14-1-160-0 TD, Wages 2-1-0-5-1 TD.

Georgia Tech - King 16-8-3-42-1 TD.



**ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS****Receiving:**

Florida - Trapp 5-43, Coone 3-33, Edwards 4-30.  
Georgia Tech - Smith 2-32.

**1969 GATOR BOWL****Dec. 27, 1969 - Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 72,248)**

FLORIDA 14  
TENNESSEE 13

Florida 7 0 7 0-14  
Tennessee 0 10 0 3-13

**UF** - Kelley 8 fumble return (Franco kick)**UT** - Scott to McClain 63 pass (Hunt kick)**UT** - Hunt FG**UF** - Reaves to Alvarez 9 pass (Franco kick)**UT** - Hunt 26-yard FG

	FLORIDA	TENNESSEE
First Downs	15	23
Rushing Yards	90	213
Passing Yards	161	174
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-15-0	34-12-2
Total Offense	251	387
Punts-Yards	7-31.0	2-15.0
Fumbles	1	1
Penalty Yards	58	23

**Rushing:**

Florida - Durrance 22-62, Walker 10-33, Rich 1-2.

Tennessee - Watson 25-121, McLeary 8-23, Scott 10-19, Patterson 8-40.

**Passing:**

Florida - Reaves 15-26-0-161-1 TD.

Tennessee - Scott 12-34-2-174-1 TD.

**Receiving:**

Florida - Maliska 6-54, Alvarez 4-51 Rich 2-3.

Tennessee - Kreis 4-82, McClain 2-58.

**1973 TANGERINE BOWL****Dec. 22, 1973 - Gainesville, Fla. (Att. 37,234)**

MIAMI (Ohio) 16  
FLORIDA 7

Miami (Ohio) 3 0 10 3-16  
Florida 0 0 0 7-7

**MU** - Draught 27-yard FG**MU** - Draught 26-yard FG**MU** - Varner 3 run (Draught kick)**MU** - Draught 45-yard FG**UF** - Moore 1 run (Posey kick)

	MIAMI (Ohio)	FLORIDA
First Downs	14	12
Rushes-Yards	70-239	37-90
Passing Yards	6	99
Att.-Comp.-Int.	8-1-0	21-9-4
Total Offense	245	189
Punts-Yards	10-33.0	6-14.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	3-39	3-27

**Rushing:**

Miami (Ohio) - Varner 28-156, Hitchins 20-62, Smith 12-47.

Florida - Moore 16-101, Richards 7-49, Kendrick 6-7.

**Passing:**

Miami (Ohio) - Sanna 1-8-0-6-0 TD.

Florida - Gaffney 3-9-2-25-0 TD, Davis 1-3-2-8-0 TD, Bowden 4-9-0-35-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Miami (Ohio) - Williams 1-6.

Florida - Moore 3-30, Foldberg 2-25, McGriff 2-13.

**1974 SUGAR BOWL****Dec. 31, 1974 - New Orleans, La. (Att. 67,890)**

NEBRASKA 13  
FLORIDA 10

Nebraska 0 0 0 13-13  
Florida 7 3 0 0-10

**UF** - Green 21 run (Posey kick)**UF** - Posey 40-yard FG**NU** - Anthony 2 run (Coyle kick)**NU** - Coyle 37-yard FG**NU** - Coyle 39-yard FG

	NEBRASKA	FLORIDA
First Downs	18	13
Rushes-Yards	60-304	55-178
Passing Yards	16	97
Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-2-4	10-5-1
Total Offense	320	275
Fumbles	3-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	2-17	5-41

**Rushing:**

Nebraska - Davis 17-126, Anthony 15-64, O'Leary 18-50.

Florida - Dubose 17-84, Green 14-73, Richards 6-22.

**Passing:**

Nebraska - Humm 2-12-4-16-0 TD.

Florida - Gaffney 5-10-1-97-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Nebraska - Westbrook 2-16.

Florida - McGriff 2-52, Darby 1-32.

**1975 GATOR BOWL****Dec. 29, 1975 - Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 64,012)**

MARYLAND 13  
FLORIDA 0

Maryland 7 3 0 3-13  
Florida 0 0 0 0-0

**MD** - Dick to Hoover 19 pass (Sochko kick)**MD** - Sochko 20-yard FG**MD** - Sochko 27-yard FG

	MARYLAND	FLORIDA
First Downs	15	14
Rushes-Yards	52-209	54-182
Passing Yards	82	28
Att.-Comp.-Int.	16-7-0	19-3-3
Total Offense	291	210
Fumbles	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-47	6-48

**Rushing:**

Maryland - Atkins 20-127, Jennings 9-53, Wilson 10-33.

Florida - Dubose 18-95, Green 13-31, Fisher 6-21, Gaffney 9-13.

**Passing:**

Maryland - Dick 5-13-0-67-0 TD, Manges 2-3-0-15-0 TD.

Florida - Gaffney 1-7-2-(-5)-0 TD, Fisher 2-12-1-33-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Maryland - Hoover 2-24, Wilson 2-12, Jennings 2-15.

Florida - LeCount 1-25, Enclave 1-8.

**1977 SUN BOWL****Jan. 2, 1977 - El Paso, Texas (Att. 33,252)**

TEXAS A&M 37  
FLORIDA 14

Texas A&M 3 13 8 13-37  
Florida 0 0 7 7-14

**TAMU** - Franklin 39-yard FG**TAMU** - Walker 9 run (Franklin kick)**TAMU** - Franklin 62-yard FG**TAMU** - Franklin 33-yard FG**TAMU** - Woodard 1 run (Woodard run)**UF** - Chandler 29 run (Posey kick)**TAMU** - Woodard 4 run (Franklin kick)**UF** - LeCount 1 run (Posey kick)**TAMU** - Walker to Woodard 15 pass (Franklin kick missed)

	TEXAS A&M	FLORIDA
First Downs	20	14
Rushing Yards	241	172
Passing Yards	122	58
Att.-Comp.-Int.	19-11-0	24-7-1
Total Offense	363	230
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	6-4
Penalties-Yards	6-33	4-26

**Rushing:**

Texas A&amp;M - Woodard 25-124, Dickey 15-50.

Florida - Bronson 10-64, Chandler 2-38, LeCount 11-35.

**Passing:**

Texas A&amp;M - Woodard 11-18-0-122-1 TD.

Florida - Fisher 5-13-1-42-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Texas A&amp;M - Woodard 4-25, Haack 3-42.

Florida - Chandler 2-29.

**1980 TANGERINE BOWL****Dec. 20, 1980 - Orlando, Fla. (Att. 52,541)**

FLORIDA 35  
MARYLAND 20

Florida 0 14 14 7-35  
Maryland 3 6 11 0-20

**MD** - Castro 35-yard FG**UF** - Peace to Collinsworth 24 pass (Clark kick)**MD** - Castro 27-yard FG**UF** - Jones 2 run (Clark kick)**MD** - Wysocki 1 run (Tice run)**MD** - Castro 43-yard FG**UF** - Peace 1 run (Clark kick)**UF** - Peace to Collinsworth 21 pass (Clark kick)**UF** - Brown 2 run (Clark kick)

	FLORIDA	MARYLAND
First Downs	16	19
Rushes-Yards	35-108	54-181
Passing Yards	271	155
Att.-Comp.-Int.	34-20-1	26-15-3
Total Offense	379	336
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	11-108	6-44

**Rushing:**

Florida - Brown 16-71, Peace 6-12.  
Maryland - Wysocki 39-159, Fasano 3-14.

**Passing:**

Florida - Peace 20-34-1-271-2 TD.  
Maryland - Tice 11-23-3-129-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Florida - Collinsworth 8-166, Young 8-66.  
Maryland - Havener 4-83, Seivers 3-24.

**1981 PEACH BOWL**

Dec. 31, 1981 • Atlanta, Ga. (Att. 37,582)  
WEST VIRGINIA 26  
FLORIDA 6

West Virginia 7 9 3 7-26  
Florida 0 0 0 6-6

**WVU** - Luck to Walczak 2 pass (Woodside kick)

**WVU** - Woodside 30-yard FG

**WVU** - Woodside 42-yard FG

**WVU** - Woodside 49-yard FG

**WVU** - Woodside 24-yard FG

**WVU** - Walczak 1 run (Woodside kick)

**UF** - Hewko to Faulkner 22 pass (pass failed)

	WVU	FLORIDA
First Downs	19	10
Rushes-Yards	51-94	34-(-30)
Passing Yards	107	135
Att.-Comp.-Int.	23-14-1	20-11-2
Total Offense	201	105
Punts-Yards	5-33	6-40
Penalties-Yards	4-17	4-39

**Rushing:**

West Virginia - Cornwell 26-97, Beck 8-37, Walczak 8-35.  
Florida - Jones 9-25, Brown 3-8.

**Passing:**

West Virginia - Luck 14-23-1-107-1 TD.  
Florida - Peace 6-13-2-47-0 TD, Hewko 5-7-0-88-1 TD.

**Receiving:**

West Virginia - Walczak 8-75, Hollins 2-18.  
Florida - Mularkey 2-36, Land 2-28, Jackson 4-25.

**1982 BLUEBONNET BOWL**

Dec. 31, 1982 • Houston, Texas (Att. 31,557)  
ARKANSAS 28  
FLORIDA 24

Arkansas 7 0 7 14-28  
Florida 7 10 7 0-24

**ARK** - Anderson 6 run (Smith kick)

**UF** - Hewko to Dixon 3 pass (Raymond kick)

**UF** - Raymond 34-yard FG

**UF** - Hewko to Dixon 13 pass (Raymond kick)

**ARK** - Anderson 1 run (Smith kick)

**UF** - Hewko to Dixon 17 pass (Raymond kick)

**ARK** - Jones to Clark 5 pass (Smith kick)

**ARK** - Jones 1 run (Smith kick)

	ARKANSAS	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	23
Rushes-Yards	69-356	42-171
Passing Yards	122	234
Att.-Comp.-Int.	12-7-1	29-19-1
Total Offense	478	405

Punts-Avg.	3-43.3	4-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-36	6-50

**Rushing:**

Arkansas - Anderson 26-161, Clark 17-77, Bowles 10-52.  
Florida - Jones 12-89, Hampton 21-61, Williams 3-21.

**Passing:**

Arkansas - Taylor 5-7-1-123-0 TD, Jones 2-5-0-1 TD.  
Florida - Hewko 19-28-0-234-3 TD, Jones 0-1-1-0-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Arkansas - Anderson 3-37, White 1-40.  
Florida - Dixon 8-106, Hampton 2-37, Faulkner 2-17.

**1983 GATOR BOWL**

Dec. 30, 1983 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 81,293)  
FLORIDA 14  
IOWA 6

Florida 7 7 0 0-14  
Iowa 0 3 3 0-6

**UF** - Anderson 1 run (Raymond kick)

**UI** - Nichol 32-yard FG

**UF** - Raymond 34-yard FG

**UF** - Drew fumble recovery in endzone (Raymond kick)

**UI** - Nichol 31-yard FG

	FLORIDA	IOWA
First Downs	14	16
Rushes-Yards	44-168	40-114
Passing Yards	92	167
Att.-Comp.-Int.	22-9-2	30-13-4
Total Offense	260	281
Punts-Avg.	7-37.5	2-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	12-105	7-44

**Rushing:**

Florida - Anderson 17-84, Williams 10-68.  
Iowa - Gill 10-83, Granger 9-37.

**Passing:**

Florida - Peace 9-22-2-92-0 TD.  
Iowa - Long 13-29-4-167-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Florida - Dixon 5-55.  
Iowa - Harmon 6-90, Phillips 2-21.

**1987 ALOHA BOWL**

Dec. 25, 1987 • Honolulu, Hawaii (Att. 24,839)  
UCLA 20  
FLORIDA 16

UCLA 3 7 7 3-20  
Florida 7 3 0 6-16

**UCLA** - Velasco 34-yard FG

**UF** - Bell to Simmons 7 pass (McGinty kick)

**UF** - McGinty 32-yard FG

**UCLA** - Brown 1 run (Velasco kick)

**UCLA** - Aikman to Thompson 5 pass (Velasco kick)

**UCLA** - Velasco 32-yard FG

**UF** - Bell to Williams 14 pass (kick blocked)

	UCLA	FLORIDA
First Downs	15	24
Rushes-Yards	41-48	38-188
Passing Yards	173	188

Att.-Comp.-Int.	30-19-2	38-19-0
Total Offense	221	373
Punts-Avg.	6-35.0	4-18.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	5-35	8-82

**Rushing:**

UCLA - Ball 23-49, Brown 10-29.  
Florida - Smith 17-128, Williams 8-43.

**Passing:**

UCLA - Aikman 19-30-2-173-1 TD.  
Florida - Bell 19-38-0-188-2 TD.

**Receiving:**

UCLA - Anderson 4-52, Pickert 3-37.  
Florida - Snead 3-62, Odom 3-32, Simmons 3-20.

**1988 ALL-AMERICAN BOWL**

Dec. 29, 1988 • Birmingham, Ala. (48,218)  
FLORIDA 14  
ILLINOIS 10

Florida 7 0 0 7-14  
Illinois 0 7 0 3-10

**UF** - Smith 55 run (Francis kick)

**UI** - Jones 30 run (Higgins kick)

**UI** - Higgins 44-yard FG

**UF** - Smith 2 run (Francis kick)

	FLORIDA	ILLINOIS
First Downs	12	17
Rushes-Yards	47-187	33-55
Passing Yards	69	194
Att.-Comp.-Int.	16-8-2	38-20-2
Total Offense	256	249
Punts-Avg.	4-29.8	7-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-36	8-59

**Rushing:**

Florida - Smith 18-159, McClendon 9-34.  
Illinois - Jones 18-88.

**Passing:**

Florida - Morris 6-12-2-50-0 TD, Perry 2-3-0-19-0 TD.  
Illinois - George 20-37-2-194-0 TD.

**Receiving:**

Florida - Barber 4-29, Smith 2-19.  
Illinois - Bellamy 5-49, Williams 5-44.

**1989 FREEDOM BOWL**

Dec. 30, 1989 • Anaheim, Calif. (Att. 33,858)  
WASHINGTON 34  
FLORIDA 7

Washington 17 10 0 7-34  
Florida 7 0 0 0-7

**UW** - Conklin to Bailey 21 pass (McCallum kick)

**UF** - Douglas 67 run (Francis kick)

**UW** - McCallum 21-yard FG

**UW** - Conklin to Riley 10 pass (McCallum kick)

**UW** - Fields blocked punt recovery (McCallum kick)

**UW** - McCallum 32-yard FG

**UW** - Brunell 21 run (McCallum kick)

## ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

	WASH	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	10
Rushes-Yards	45-191	25-83
Passing Yards	242	148
Att.-Comp.-Int.	44-24-0	28-11-1
Total Offense	433	231
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	7-3
Penalties-Yards	9-86	9-85
Possession Time	41:52	18:08

### Rushing:

Washington - Lewis 27-97, Turner 7-38.

Florida - Douglas 9-65, Smith 7-17.

### Passing:

Washington - Conklin 21-39-0-217-2 TD, Brunell 3-5-0-25-0 TD.

Florida - Douglas 8-18-1-91-0 TD, L. Smith 3-10-0-57-0 TD.

### Receiving:

Washington - McKay 5-83, Lewis 6-44, Ames 5-29.

Florida - Barber 2-41, McClendon 1-36, Mills 3-31.

## 1992 SUGAR BOWL

**Jan. 1, 1992 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 76,447)**

NOTRE DAME	39
FLORIDA	28

Notre Dame 0 7 10 22 - 39

Florida 10 6 0 12 - 28

**UF** - Matthews to Jackson 15 pass (Czyzewski kick)

**UF** - Czyzewski 26-yard FG

**UF** - Czyzewski 24-yard FG

**ND** - Mirer to Dawson 40 pass (Hentrich kick)

**UF** - Czyzewski 36-yard FG

**ND** - Pendergast 32-yard FG

**ND** - Mirer to I. Smith 4 pass (Hentrich kick)

**UF** - Czyzewski 37-yard FG

**UF** - Czyzewski 24-yard FG

**ND** - Bettis 4 run (Mirer pass good)

**ND** - Bettis 49 run (Pendergast kick)

**UF** - Matthews to Houston 36 pass (Matthews pass failed)

**ND** - Bettis 39 run (Pendergast kick)

	NOTRE DAME	FLORIDA
First Downs	23	29
Rushes-Yards	49-279	33-141
Passing Yards	154	370
Att.-Comp.-Int.	19-14-1	58-28-2
Total Offense	433	511
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-40
Possession Time	29:00	31:00

### Rushing:

Notre Dame - Bettis 16-150, Culver 13-93, Brooks 13-68.

Florida - Rhett 15-63, McClendon 7-34.

### Passing:

Notre Dame - Mirer 14-19-1-154-2 TD.

Florida - Matthews 28-58-2-370-2 TD.

### Receiving:

Notre Dame - T. Smith 7-75, Dawson 2-49.

Florida - Jackson 8-148, Houston 3-52, Sullivan 4-47.

## 1992 GATOR BOWL

**Dec. 31, 1992 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 71,233)**

FLORIDA	27
N.C. STATE	10

Florida 0 10 10 7 - 27

N.C. State 0 0 3 7 - 10

**UF** - Davis 34-yard FG

**UF** - Matthews 1 run (Davis kick)

**UF** - Matthews to Jackson 17 pass (Davis kick)

**NCST** - Videtich 23-yard FG

**UF** - Davis 42-yard FG

**NCST** - Jordan to Shaw 11 pass (Videtich kick)

**UF** - Matthews to Houston 34 pass (Davis kick)

	FLORIDA	NC STATE
First Downs	26	13
Rushes-Yards	50-198	25-54
Passing Yards	247	213
Att.-Comp.-Int.	39-19-2	42-22-1
Total Offense	445	267
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-44	1-10
Possession Time	33:43	26:17

### Rushing:

Florida - Rhett 39-192, Matthews 8-8.

N.C. State - Barbour 11-50, George 1-5.

### Passing:

Florida - Matthews 19-38-0-247-2 TD.

N.C. State - Jordan 22-42-2-213-1 TD.

### Receiving:

Florida - Rhett 7-42, Jackson 3-42.

N.C. State - Lawrence 5-77, Auer 5-48, Shaw 5-33.

## 1994 SUGAR BOWL

**Jan. 1, 1994 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 75,437)**

FLORIDA	41
WEST VIRGINIA	7

Florida 7 14 11 6 - 41

West Virginia 7 0 0 0 - 7

**WVU** - Kelchner to Kearney 32 pass (Mazzone kick)

**UF** - Rhett 3 run (Davis kick)

**UF** - Wright 52 interception return (Davis kick)

**UF** - Dean to Jackson 39 pass (Davis kick)

**UF** - Rhett 2 run (Davis kick)

**UF** - Rhett 1 run (Davis kick)

**UF** - Davis 43-yard FG

**UF** - Davis 26-yard FG

	FLORIDA	WVU
First Downs	30	16
Rushes-Yards	48-201	31-122
Passing Yards	280	143
Att.-Comp.-Int.	39-24-1	40-16-1
Total Offense	482	265
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-43	8-71
Possession Time	33:22	26:38

### Rushing:

Florida - Rhett 25-105, Foy 10-50, Bilkie 2-11.

West Virginia - Walker 13-59, Woodard 2-18, Kelchner 5-11.

### Passing:

Florida - Dean 22-37-1-244-1 TD, Kresser 2-2-0-26-0 TD.

West Virginia - Kelchner 13-27-0-123-1 TD, Studstill 3-11-1-20-0 TD.

### Receiving:

Florida - W. Jackson 9-131, Houston 2-38, J. Jackson 3-32.

West Virginia - Kearney 4-59, Baker 4-46.

## 1995 SUGAR BOWL

**Jan. 2, 1995 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 76,224)**

FLORIDA ST	23
FLORIDA	17

Florida St 3 17 3 0 - 23

Florida 3 7 0 7 - 17

**FSU** - Mowrey 21-yard FG

**UF** - Davis 26-yard FG

**FSU** - Dunn to Ellison 73 pass (Mowrey kick)

**FSU** - Kanell to McCorvey 16 pass (Mowrey kick)

**UF** - Wuerffel to Hilliard 82 pass (Davis kick)

**FSU** - Mowrey 24-yard FG

**FSU** - Mowrey 45-yard FG

**UF** - Wuerffel 1 run (Davis kick)

	FLORIDA ST	FLORIDA
First Downs	21	23
Rushes-Yards	30-76	29-5
Passing Yards	325	449
Att.-Comp.-Int.	41-24-0	43-30-1
Total Offense	401	454
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-62	8-57
Possession Time	27:56	32:04

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### Rushing:

Florida St - Dunn 14-58, Crockett 5-19.

Florida - Williams 10-27, Taylor 8-18.

### Passing:

Florida St - Kanell 23-40-0-252-1 TD, Dunn 1-1-0-73-1 TD.

Florida - Wuerffel 28-39-1-394-1 TD, Kresser 1-2-0-3-0 TD.

### Receiving:

Florida St - Ellison 4-102, McCorvey 4-84, Green 4-74.

Florida - Jackson 6-128, Hilliard 3-119, Anthony 8-57.

## 1996 FIESTA BOWL

**Jan. 2, 1996 • Tempe, Ariz. (Att. 79,864)**

NEBRASKA	62
FLORIDA	24

Nebraska 6 29 14 13 - 62

Florida 10 0 8 6 - 24

**UF** - Edmiston 23-yard FG

**NU** - Frazier to Phillips 16 pass (kick blocked)

**UF** - Wuerffel 1 run (Edmiston kick)

**NU** - Phillips 42 run (Brown kick)

**NU** - Wuerffel sacked by Williams for a safety

**NU** - Green 1 run (Brown kick)

**NU** - Brown 26-yard FG

**NU** - Booker 42-yard interception return (Brown kick)

**NU** - Brown 24-yard FG

**NU** - Frazier 35 run (Brown kick)

**UF** - Wuerffel to Hilliard 35 pass (Wuerffel pass good)

**NU** - Frazier 75 run (Brown kick)

**NU** - Phillips 15 run (kick blocked)

**NU** - Berringer 1 run (Retzlaff kick)

**UF** - Anthony 93 kickoff return (Wuerffel pass failed)





	NEBRASKA	FLORIDA
First Downs	27	15
Rushes-Yards	68-524	21-(-28)
Passing Yards	105	297
Att.-Comp.-Int.	15-6-2	38-20-3
Total Offense	629	269
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	9-78
Possession Time	35:17	24:43

#### Rushing:

Nebraska - Frazier 16-199, Phillips 25-165, Green 9-68.

Florida - Williams 6-6, T. Jackson 4-4.

#### Passing:

Nebraska - Frazier 6-14-2-105-1 TD, Phillips 0-1-0-0-0 TD.

Florida - Wuerffel 17-31-3-255-1 TD, Kresser 3-7-0-42-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Nebraska - Johnson 2-43, Holbein 1-33.

Florida - Doering 8-123, Hilliard 6-100, Anthony 2-40.

### 1997 SUGAR BOWL

*Jan. 2, 1997 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 78,344)*

FLORIDA 52

Florida St 20

Florida	10	14	14	14	52
Florida St	3	14	3	0	20

**UF** - Wuerffel to Hilliard 9 pass (Edmiston kick)

**FSU** - Bentley 43-yard FG

**UF** - Edmiston 32-yard FG

**UF** - Taylor 2 run (Edmiston kick)

**FSU** - Busby to Green 29 pass (Bentley kick)

**UF** - Wuerffel to Hilliard 31 pass (Edmiston kick)

**FSU** - Dunn 12 run (Bentley kick)

**FSU** - Bentley 45-yard FG

**UF** - Wuerffel to Hilliard 8 pass (Edmiston kick)

**UF** - Wuerffel 16 run (Edmiston kick)

**UF** - Jackson 42 run (Edmiston kick)

**UF** - Jackson 1 run (Edmiston kick)

	FLORIDA	FLORIDA ST
First Downs	26	13
Rushes-Yards	43-168	21-42
Passing Yards	306	271
Att.-Comp.-Int.	34-18-1	42-17-2
Total Offense	474	313
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	15-102	14-115
Possession Time	36:27	23:33

#### Rushing:

Florida - Jackson 12-118, Taylor 18-60.

Florida St - Dunn 9-28, Warrick 1-12.

#### Passing:

Florida - Wuerffel 18-34-1-306-3 TD.

Florida St - Busby 17-41-1-271-1 TD, Kendra 0-1-1-0-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Florida - Hilliard 7-150, Green 5-79, Anthony 4-50.

Florida St - Green 3-86, Cooper 4-82, Messam 5-48.

### 1998 FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL

*Jan. 1, 1998 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 67,919)*

FLORIDA 21

PENN STATE 6

Florida 14 0 0 7-21

Penn State 0 3 3 0-6

**UF** - Brindise 1 run (Cooper kick)

**UF** - Johnson to Green 35 pass (Cooper kick)

**PSU** - Forney 42-yard FG

**PSU** - Forney 30-yard FG

**UF** - Palmer to Green 37 pass (Cooper kick)

	FLORIDA	PENN ST
First Downs	23	9
Rushes-Yards	59-254	29-47
Passing Yards	143	92
Att.-Comp.-Int.	19-9-2	32-10-3
Total Offense	397	139
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-46	1-5
Possession Time	35:07	24:53

#### Rushing:

Florida - Taylor 43-234, Carroll 9-28.

Penn State - Eberly 14-53, Watson 4-5.

#### Passing:

Florida - Johnson 5-12-1-77-1 TD, Brindise 3-6-1-29-0 TD,  
Palmer 1-1-0-37-1 TD.

Penn State - McQueary 10-32-3-92-0 TD.

#### Receiving:

Florida - Green 2-72, McGriff 1-19, Tayor 1-19.

Penn State - Natasi 2-26, Brown 3-25, Watson 2-15.

### 1999 ORANGE BOWL

*Jan. 2, 1999 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 67,919)*

FLORIDA 31

SYRACUSE 10

Florida 14 14 14 3-31

Syracuse 0 3 0 7-10

**UF** - Johnson to Taylor 51 pass (Chandler kick)

**UF** - Johnson to Taylor 26 pass (Chandler kick)

**SYR** - Trout 36-yard FG

**UF** - Palmer to Kinney 4 pass (Chandler kick)

**UF** - Palmer 2 run (Chandler kick)

**UF** - Chandler 32-yard FG

**SYR** - McNabb to Jackson 62 pass (Trout kick)

	FLORIDA	SYRACUSE
First Downs	18	18
Rushes-Yards	36-133	36-129
Passing Yards	308	192
Att.-Comp.-Int.	31-22-0	30-14-1
Total Offense	441	321
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Penalties-Yards	11-76	2-20
Possession Time	31:48	28:12

#### Rushing:

Florida - Jackson 21-108, Taylor 2-16.

Syracuse - McNabb 20-72, Brown 5-31.

#### Passing:

Florida - Johnson 12-17-0-195-2 TD, Palmer 10-14-0-113-1 TD.

Syracuse - McNabb 14-30-1-192-1 TD.

#### Receiving:

Florida - Taylor 7-159, Karim 4-79, Jackson 4-27.

Syracuse - Jackson 1-62, Johnson 4-49, Daniel 4-34.

### 2000 FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL

*Jan. 1, 2000 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 62,011)*

MICHIGAN STATE 37

FLORIDA 34

Michigan St 3 17 6 11-37

Florida 7 14 6 7-34

**MSU** - Edinger 46-yard FG

**UF** - Johnson to Taylor 12 pass (Chandler kick)

**MSU** - Burke to Burress 37 pass (Edinger kick)

**MSU** - Turner 24-yard fumble return (Edinger kick)

**UF** - Johnson to Taylor 8 pass (Chandler kick)

**MSU** - Edinger 20-yard FG

**UF** - Johnson 1 run (Chandler kick)

**MSU** - Burke to Burress 21 pass (Burke pass failed)

**UF** - Johnson to Taylor 39 pass (Johnson pass failed)

**UF** - Gillespie 2 run (Chandler kick)

**MSU** - Burke to Burress 30 pass (Burke pass good)

**MSU** - Edinger 39-yard FG

	MICHIGAN ST	FLORIDA
First Downs	25	27
Rushes-Yards	40-187	30-113
Passing Yards	257	300
Att.-Comp.-Int.	35-21-2	51-25-0
Total Offense	400	367
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Penalties-Yards	7-80	10-100
Possession Time	32:49	27:11

#### Rushing:

Michigan State - Clemons 20-105, Duckett 14-77.

Florida - Gillespie 14-74, Carroll 5-14.

#### Passing:

Michigan State - Burke 21-35-2-257-3 TD.

Florida - Johnson 24-50-0-288-3 TD.

#### Receiving:

Michigan State - Burress 13-185, Baker 2-21.

Florida - Taylor 11-156, Jackson 5-61, Willis 4-53.

### 2001 SUGAR BOWL

*Jan. 2, 2001 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 64,407)*

MIAMI (FLA.) 37

FLORIDA 20

Miami (Fla.) 10 3 14 10-37

Florida 7 3 7 3-20

**UF** - Grossman to Wells 23 pass (Chandler kick)

**UM** - Sievers 44-yard FG

**UM** - Dorsey to Shockey 8 pass (Sievers kick)

**UM** - Sievers 29-yard FG

**UF** - Chandler 51-yard FG

**UF** - Graham 36 run (Chandler kick)

**UM** - Dorsey to Williams 19 pass (Sievers kick)

**UM** - Dorsey to Davenport 2 pass (Sievers kick)

**UF** - Chandler 26-yard FG

**UM** - Sievers 29-yard FG

**UM** - Davenport 3 run (Sievers kick)

	MIAMI	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	25
Rushes-Yards	43-198	20-155

## ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

Passing Yards	270	312
Att.-Comp.-Int.	40-22-2	51-24-3
Total Offense	454	452
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Penalties-Yards	11-109	9-79
Possession Time	35:19	24:41

### Rushing:

Miami - Portis 18-97, Jackson 12-62, Davenport 6-17.  
Florida - Graham 15-136.

### Passing:

Miami - Dorsey 22-40-2-270-3 TD.  
Florida - Grossman 18-41-2-252-1 TD, Palmer 6-10-1-60-0 TD.

### Receiving:

Miami - Moss 6-89, Wayne 3-49, Shockey 4-47.  
Florida - Caldwell 6-110, Gaffney 7-75, Graham 4-43.

## 2002 ORANGE BOWL

Jan. 2, 2002 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 73,640)

FLORIDA	56
MARYLAND	23

Florida	14	14	21	7 - 56
Maryland	7	3	0	13 - 23

**UF** - Graham 1 run (Chandler kick)

**UF** - Berlin to Jacobs 46 pass (Chandler kick)

**MD** - Hill to Williams 64 pass (Novak kick)

**MD** - Novak 20-yard FG

**UF** - Grossman to Jacobs 15 pass (Chandler kick)

**UF** - Grossman to Gaffney 4 pass (Chandler kick)

**UF** - Gillespie 11 run (Chandler kick)

**MD** - Riley 1 run (Novak kick)

**UF** - Grossman to Perez 10 pass (Chandler kick)

**MD** - Riley 10 run (Hill pass failed)

	FLORIDA	MARYLAND
First Downs	30	19
Rushes-Yards	25-203	40-103
Passing Yards	456	257
Att.-Comp.-Int.	49-33-2	39-23-1
Total Offense	659	360
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-43	4-20
Possession Time	28:26	31:34

### Rushing:

Florida - Graham 16-149, Gillespie 4-63.

Maryland - Hill 11-31, Riley 9-23.

### Passing:

Florida - Grossman 20-28-0-248-3 TD, Berlin 11-19-2-196-1 TD,  
Creveling 2-2-0-12-0 TD.

Maryland - Hill 23-39-1-257-1 TD.

### Receiving:

Florida - Jacobs 10-170, Gaffney 7-118, Caldwell 4-47.

Maryland - Williams 4-91, Parson 4-46, Murphy 5-42.

## 2003 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 1, 2003 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 65,101)

MICHIGAN	38
FLORIDA	30

Michigan	7	14	14	3 - 38
Florida	0	16	7	7 - 30

**UM** - Perry 4 run (Finley kick)

**UF** - Graham 2 run (Leach kick)

**UF** - Graham 1 run (Carthon rush failed)

**UM** - Perry 1 run (Finley kick)

**UF** - Leach 29-yard FG

**UM** - Navarre to Bellamy 8 pass (Finley kick)

**UF** - Grossman to Ratliff 33 pass (Leach kick)

**UM** - Perry 7 run (Finley kick)

**UM** - Perry 12 run (Finley kick)

**UF** - Grossman to Walker 3 pass (Leach kick)

**UM** - Finley 33-yard FG

	MICHIGAN	FLORIDA
First Downs	17	28
Rushes-Yards	37-104	43-183
Passing Yards	319	323
Att.-Comp.-Int.	37-21-0	42-21-1
Total Offense	423	506
Fumbles Lost-Int.	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-23	6-38
Possession Time	32:39	27:21

### Rushing:

Michigan - Perry 28-85, Bellamy 2-20.

Florida - Graham 22-120, Carthon 6-56.

### Passing:

Michigan - Navarre 21-36-0-319-1 TD.

Florida - Grossman 21-41-0-323-2 TD, Brown 0-1-1-0-0 TD.

### Receiving:

Michigan - Edwards 4-110, Perry 6-108, Joppru 6-80.

Florida - Jacobs 7-88, Carthon 3-65, Kight 3-52.

## 2004 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 1, 2004 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 65,372)

IOWA	37
FLORIDA	17

Iowa	7	13	14	3 - 37
Florida	7	0	3	7 - 17

**UF** - Leak to Kight 70 pass (Leach kick)

**UI** - Chandler to Brown 3 pass (Kaeding kick)

**UI** - Kaeding 47-yard FG

**UI** - Chandler 5 run (Kaeding kick)

**UI** - Kaeding 32-yard FG

**UI** - Melloy 0-yard blocked punt return (Kaeding kick)

**UF** - Leach 48-yard FG

**UI** - Russell 34 run (Kaeding kick)

**UI** - Kaeding 38-yard FG

**UF** - Leak to Baker 25 pass (Leach kick)

	IOWA	FLORIDA
First Downs	22	16
Rushes-Yards	49-238	28-57
Passing Yards	170	268
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-13-0	41-22-1
Total Offense	408	325
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-43
Possession Time	34:10	25:50

### Rushing:

Iowa - Russell 21-150, Lewis 12-45.

Florida - Carthon 10-44, Fason 4-23.

### Passing:

Iowa - Chandler 13-25-0-170-1 TD.

Florida - Leak 22-41-1-268-2 TD.

### Receiving:

Iowa - Brown 6-96, Hinkel 3-44.

Florida - Perez 7-70, Small 3-37, Baker 3-36.

## 2004 CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL

Dec. 31, 2004 • Atlanta, Ga. (Att. 69,322)

MIAMI	27
FLORIDA	10

Miami	7	10	7	3 - 27
Florida	0	3	7	0 - 10

**UM** - Hester 78-yard blocked field goal return (Peattie kick)

**UF** - Leach 34-yard FG

**UM** - Peattie 47-yard FG

**UM** - Parrish 72-yard punt return (Peattie kick)

**UM** - Berlin to Moore 20 pass (Peattie kick)

**UF** - Leak to Cornelius 45 pass (Leach kick)

**UM** - Peattie 32-yard FG

	MIAMI	FLORIDA
First Downs	16	22
Rushes-Yards	36-106	40-144
Passing Yards	171	262
Att.-Comp.-Int.	13-24-1	39-19-2
Total Offense	277	406
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	8-74
Possession Time	28:51	31:09

### Rushing:

Miami - Gore 25-80, Moss 4-18.

Florida - Fason 17-94, Leak 14-79, Thornton 8-20.

### Passing:

Miami - Berlin 13-24-1-171-1 TD.

Florida - Leak 19-39-2-262-1 TD.

### Receiving:

Miami - Parrish 4-63, Leggett 2-41, Moore 2-32.

Florida - Small 8-92, Fason 4-40, Jackson 2-33.

## 2006 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 2, 2006 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 65,881)

FLORIDA	31
IOWA	24

Florida	7	17	7	0 - 31
Iowa	0	7	0	17 - 24

**UF** - T. McCollum 6-yard blocked punt return (Hetland kick)

**UF** - Hetland 21-yard FG

**UF** - Brown 60-yard interception return (Hetland kick)

**UI** - Tate to Solomon 20 pass (Schlicher kick)

**UF** - Leak to Baker 24 pass (Hetland kick)

**UF** - Leak to Baker 38 pass (Hetland kick)

**UI** - Tate to Hinkel 4 pass (Schlicher kick)

**UI** - Tate to Hinkel 14 pass (Schlicher kick)

**UI** - Schlicher 45-yard FG

	FLORIDA	IOWA
First Downs	26	23
Rushes-Yards	42-169	20-64
Passing Yards	278	346
Att.-Comp.-Int.	40-25-0	55-32-1
Total Offense	447	410
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	8-60
Possession Time	35:25	24:35

### Rushing:

Florida - Moore 13-88, Wynn 8-34, Leak 13-31.

Iowa - Young 13-34, Tate 3-24.

**Passing:**

Florida - Leak 25-40-0-278-2 TD.

Iowa - Tate 32-55-1-346-3 TD.

**Receiving:**

Florida - Baker 10-147, Jackson 7-76, Casey 2-27.

Iowa - Solomon 7-96, Hinkel 9-87, Chandler 7-89.

**2007 TOSTITOS BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Jan. 8, 2007 • Glendale, Ariz. (Att. 74,628)*

FLORIDA 41

OHIO STATE 14

Florida 14 20 0 7 - 41

Ohio State 7 7 0 0 - 24

**OSU** - Ginn, Jr., 93-yard kickoff return (Pettrey kick)

**UF** - Leak to Baker 14 pass (Hetland kick)

**UF** - Harvin 4 run (Hetland kick)

**UF** - Wynn 2 run (Hetland kick)

**OSU** - Pittman 18 run (Pettrey kick)

**UF** - Hetland 42-yard FG

**UF** - Hetland 40-yard FG

**UF** - Tebow to Caldwell 1 pass (Hetland kick)

**UF** - Tebow 1 run (Hetland kick)

	FLORIDA	OHIO ST
First Downs	21	8
Rushes-Yards	43-156	23-47
Passing Yards	214	35
Att.-Comp.-Int.	26-37-0	4-14-1
Total Offense	370	82
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	5-50
Possession Time	40:48	19:12

**Rushing:**

Florida - Wynn 19-69, Tebow 10-39, Harvin 5-22

Ohio State - Pittman 10-60, Wells 2-9, Hartline 1-5

**Passing:**

Florida - Leak 25-36-0-213-1 TD, Tebow 1-1-0-1-1 TD

Ohio State - Smith 4-14-1-35-0 TD

**Receiving:**

Florida - Harvin 9-60, Cornelius 5-50, Ingram 4-58

Ohio State - Gonzales 2-11, Hartline 1-13, Pittman 1-11

**2008 CAPITAL ONE BOWL**

*Jan. 1, 2008 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 69,748)*

MICHIGAN 41

FLORIDA 35

Michigan 7 14 7 13 - 41

Florida 7 7 14 7 - 35

**UM** - Henne to Manningham 21 pass (Lopata kick)

**UF** - Tebow to Harvin 10 pass (Iijas kick)

**UF** - Tebow to Caldwell 18 pass (Iijas kick)

**UM** - Hart 3 run (Lopata kick)

**UM** - Henne to Arrington 1 pass (Lopata kick)

**UM** - Hart 1 run (Lopata kick)

**UF** - Tebow 1 run (Iijas kick)

**UF** - Tebow to Caldwell 14 pass (Iijas kick)

**UM** - Lopata 37-yard FG

**UF** - Harvin 10 run (Iijas kick)

**UM** - Henne to Arrington 18 pass (Lopata kick)

**UM** - Lopata 41-yard FG

	MICHIGAN	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	18
Rushes-Yards	47-151	32-230
Passing Yards	373	169
Att.-Comp.-Int.	39-25-2	34-18-0
Total Offense	524	399
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-65	9-49
Possession Time	32:18	27:42

**Rushing:**

Michigan - Hart 32-129, Manningham 7-53

Florida - Harvin 13-165, Tebow 16-19

**Passing:**

Michigan - Henne 25-39-2-373-3 TD

Florida - Tebow 14-33-0-154-3 TD, Henry 1-1-0-15-0 TD

**Receiving:**

Michigan - Arrington 9-153, Matthews 7-62, Manningham 5-78

Florida - Harvin 9-77, Caldwell 4-40, Hernandez 3-31

**2009 FEDEX BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Jan. 8, 2009 • Miami, Fla. (Att. 78,468)*

FLORIDA 24

OKLAHOMA 14

Florida 0 7 7 10 - 24

Oklahoma 0 7 0 7 - 14

**UF** - Tebow to Murphy 20 pass (Phillips kick)

**OU** - Bradford to Gresham 6 pass (Stevens kick)

**UF** - Harvin 2 run (Phillips kick)

**OU** - Bradford to Gresham 11 pass (Stevens kick)

**UF** - Phillips 27-yard FG

**UF** - Tebow to Nelson 4 pass (Phillips kick)

	FLORIDA	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	24	25
Rushes-Yards	44-249	29-107
Passing Yards	231	256
Att.-Comp.-Int.	30-18-2	41-26-2
Total Offense	480	363
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-81	4-31
Possession Time	34:57	25:03

**Rushing:**

Florida - Harvin 9-122, Tebow 22-109.

Oklahoma - Brown 22-110, Madu 4-12

**Passing:**

Florida - Tebow 18-30-2-231-2 TD,

Oklahoma - Bradford 26-41-2-256-2 TD

**Receiving:**

Florida - Hernandez 5-57, Harvin 5-49, Murphy 2-44

Oklahoma - Gresham 8-62, Iglesias 5-58, Johnson 4-29

**2010 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL**

*Jan. 1, 2010 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 65,207)*

CINCINNATI 24

FLORIDA 51

Cincinnati 0 3 7 14 - 24

Florida 9 21 14 7 - 51

**UF** - Tebow to Hernandez 7-yd pass (Sturgis kick failed)

**UF** - Sturgis 40-yd FG

**UF** - Tebow to Thompson 7-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

**UF** - Moody 6-yd run (Sturgis kick)

**UC** - Rogers 47-yd FG

**UF** - Tebow to Cooper 80-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

**UF** - Moody 2-yd run (Sturgis kick)

**UC** - Pike to Waugh 2-yd pass (Rogers kick)

**UF** - Tebow 4-yd run (Sturgis kick)

**UC** - Pike to Binns 3-yd pass (Rogers kick)

**UF** - Rainey 6-yd run (Sturgis kick)

**UC** - Pike to Alli 6-yd pass (Rogers kick)

	CINCINNATI	FLORIDA
First Downs	19	28
Rushes-Yards	23-76	34-177
Passing Yards	170	482
Att.-Comp.-Int.	45-27-0	36-31-0
Total Offense	246	659
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-40	12-90
Possession Time	27:40	32:20

**Rushing:**

Cincinnati - Peard 7-48, Kelce 1-19

Florida - Gillislee 5-78, Tebow 14-51

**Passing:**

Cincinnati - Pike 27-45-0-170-3 TD

Florida - Tebow 31-35-0-482-3 TD

**Receiving:**

Cincinnati - Gilyard 7-41, Binns 5-29, Guidugli 5-22

Florida - Hernandez 9-111, Cooper 7-181, Rainey 4-71

**2011 OUTBACK BOWL**

*Jan. 1, 2011 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 60,574)*

FLORIDA 37

PENN STATE 24

Florida 0 14 6 17 - 37

Penn State 7 10 7 0 - 24

**PSU** - McGloin to Moyer 5-yd pass (Wagner kick)

**UF** - Hines 16-yd run (Henry kick)

**UF** - McCray 27-yd blocked pun return (Henry kick)

**PSU** - Zordich 1-yd run (Wagner kick)

**PSU** - Wagner 20-yd FG

**UF** - Henry 30-yd FG

**PSU** - McGloin 2-yd run (Wagner kick)

**UF** - Henry 47-yd FG

**UF** - Gillislee 1-yd run (Henry kick)

**UF** - Henry 20-yd FG

**UF** - Black 80-yd interception return (Henry kick)

	FLORIDA	PENN ST
First Downs	17	17
Rushes-Yards	45-178	36-139
Passing Yards	101	211
Att.-Comp.-Int.	27-14-1	41-17-5
Total Offense	279	350
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	5-29
Possession Time	27:11	32:49

**Rushing:**

Florida - Reed 24-68, Rainey 6-66

Penn State - Royster 20-98

**Passing:**

Florida - Reed 8-13-0-0, Brantley 6-13-1-0 TD

Penn State - McGloin 17-41-5-1 TD

**Receiving:**

Penn State - Moyer 5-79, Royster 4-51, Brackett 2-28

Florida - Hines 2-27, Burton 2-22, Thompson 2-22



## 2012 TAXSLAYER.COM GATOR BOWL

Jan. 2, 2012 • Jacksonville, Fla. (Att. 61,312)

OHIO STATE 17  
FLORIDA 24

Ohio State 0 10 0 7-17  
Florida 7 7 7 3-24

**UF** - Brantley to Thompson 17-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

**OSU** - Miller to Posey 5-yd pass (Basil kick)

**UF** - Debose 99-yd kickoff return (Sturgis kick)

**OSU** - Basil 47-yd field goal

**UF** - Stewart 14-yd blocked punt return (Sturgis kick)

**UF** - Sturgis 17-yd field goal

**OSU** - Miller to Hall 11-yd pass (Basil kick)

	OHIO ST	FLORIDA
First Downs	20	14
Rushes-Yards	37-137	38-131
Passing Yards	162	132
Att.-Comp.-Int.	23-18-0	16-12-1
Total Offense	236	263
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-25	7-74
Possession Time	32:21	27:39

### Rushing:

Ohio St - Herron 12-82, Hall 4-24, Miller 15-20, Hyde 5-17

Florida - Rainey 16-71, Demps 7-30, Burton 4-23, Gillislee 5-15

### Passing:

Ohio St - Miller 18-23-0-162-2 TD

Florida - Brantley 12-16-1-132-1 TD

### Receiving:

Ohio St - Posey 5-38, Herron 4-11, Hall 3-12, Smith 2-47

Florida - Rainey 3-31, Hines 2-40, Thompson 2-27

## 2013 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL

Jan. 2, 2013 • New Orleans, La. (Att. 54,178)

LOUISVILLE 33  
FLORIDA 23

Louisville 14 10 6 3-33

Florida 0 10 0 13-23

**UL** - Floyd 38-yd interception return (Wallace kick)

**UL** - Wright 1-yd run (Wallace kick)

**UF** - Sturgis 33-yd field goal

**UL** - Wallace 27-yd field goal

**UL** - Bridgewater to Parker 15-yd pass (Wallace kick)

**UF** - Jones 1-yd run (Sturgis kick)

**UL** - Bridgewater to Copeland 19-yd pass (Wallace kick)

**UL** - Wallace 30-yd field goal

**UF** - Debose 100-yd kickoff return (Sturgis kick)

**UF** - Driskel to Taylor 5-yd pass (Sturgis kick)

	LOUISVILLE	FLORIDA
First Downs	23	17
Rushes-Yards	36-70	30-111
Passing Yards	266	175
Att.-Comp.-Int.	32-20-1	29-16-2
Total Offense	336	286
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-25	9-98
Possession Time	35:37	24:23

### Rushing:

Louisville - Wright 25-84-1 TD, Lamb 2-5, Bridgewater 7-(-17)

Florida - Gillislee 9-48, T.Burton 5-24, Jones 3-16-1 TD, Hines 2-11, Debose 1-8, Driskel 10-4

### Passing:

Louisville - Bridgewater 20-32-1-266-2 TD

Florida - Driskel 16-29-2-175-1 TD

### Receiving:

Louisville - Rogers 4-62, Smith 4-55, Wright 3-19, Butler 2-43, Parker 2-32-1 TD, Copeland 2-31-1 TD

Florida - Dunbar 5-77, Hines 3-34, Hammond 2-22

## 2015 BIRMINGHAM BOWL

Jan. 3, 2015 • Birmingham, Ala. (Att. 30,083)

EAST CAROLINA 20  
FLORIDA 28

East Carolina 7 0 10 3-20

Florida 7 14 7 0-28

**ECU** - Carden to Hardy 3-yd pass (Harvey kick)

**UF** - Poole 29-yd interception return (Hardin kick)

**UF** - Lane 2-yd run (Hardin kick)

**UF** - Harris to Powell 13-yd pass (Hardin kick)

**ECU** - Carden to Worthy 4-yd pass (Harvey kick)

**UF** - Harris to Fulwood 86-yd pass (Hardin kick)

**ECU** - Harvey 24-yd field goal

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	ECU	FLORIDA
First Downs	32	15
Rushes-Yards	33-109	43-168
Passing Yards	427	171
Att.-Comp.-Int.	68-34-2	28-13-1
Total Offense	536	339
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-35	6-40
Possession Time	32:23	27:37

### Rushing:

ECU - Hairston 17-73, Scott 5-44, Benkert 2-6, Carden 9-(-14)

Florida - Lane 16-109-1 TD, Harris 10-41, Brown 8-21, Driskel 3-7, Taylor 4-0, Team 2-(-10)

### Passing:

ECU - Carden 34-66-2-427-2 TD, Jones 0-1-0-0, Hardy 0-1-0-0

Florida - Driskel 8-17-0-48, Harris 5-11-1-123-1 TD

### Receiving:

ECU - Hardy 11-160-1 TD, Worthy 8-130-1 TD, Jones 6-64,

Williams 3-24, Grayson 2-36, Johnson 1-5, Williams 1-5,

Baggett 1-2, Scott 1-1

Florida - Robinson 6-36, Powell 3-20-1 TD, Fulwood 1-86-1 TD,

Burton 1-18, Dunbar 1-6, Thompson 1-5

## 2016 BUFFALO WILD WINGS CITRUS BOWL

Jan. 1, 2016 • Orlando, Fla. (Att. 63,113)

MICHIGAN 41  
FLORIDA 7

Michigan 7 10 14 10-41

Florida 7 0 0 0-7

**MICH** - Johnson 4-yd run (Allen kick)

**UF** - Callaway to Harris 2-yd pass (MacInnes kick)

**MICH** - Rudock to Chesson 31-yd pass (Allen kick)

**MICH** - Allen 21-yd field goal

**MICH** - Rudock to Perry 3-yd pass (Allen kick)

**MICH** - Houma 2-yd run (Allen kick)

**MICH** - Rudock to Johnson 8-yd pass (Allen kick)

**MICH** - Allen 25-yd field goal

	MICHIGAN	FLORIDA
First Downs	28	14
Rushes-Yards	46-225	27-118
Passing Yards	278	155
Att.-Comp.-Int.	31-20-0	25-10-2
Total Offense	503	273
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-30	7-66
Possession Time	38:38	21:22

### Rushing:

Michigan - Smith 25-109, Johnson 6-58 TD, Houma 9-32 TD,

Rudock 4-29, Team 2-(-3)

Florida - Harris 11-55, Taylor 11-50, Cronkrite 3-17, Bryan

1-(-1), Grady 1-(-3)

### Passing:

Michigan - Rudock 20-31-0-278 3 TD

Florida - Harris 8-21-1-146, Grady 1-2-0-7, Callaway 1-1-0-2

TD, Townsend 0-1-1-0

### Receiving:

Michigan - Chesson 5-118 TD, Perry 5-51 TD, Butt 3-34, Darboh

2-24, Johnson 2-10 TD, Hill 1-24, Bunting 1-17, Smith 1-0

Florida - Callaway 5-75, Powell 1-26, Thompson 1-20, Robinson

1-17, Cronkrite 1-15, Harris 1-2 TD



## 2017 OUTBACK BOWL

Jan. 2, 2017 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 51,119)

FLORIDA 30  
IOWA 3

Florida 3 7 7 13-30  
Iowa 3 0 0 0-3

IOWA - Duncan, 36-yd field goal  
UF - Pineiro, 44-yd field goal  
UF - Appleby to Thompson 85-yd pass (Pineiro kick)  
UF - Appleby to Goolsby 6-yd pass (Pineiro kick)  
UF - Gardner 58-yd interception return (Pineiro kick)  
UF - Pineiro, 25-yd field goal  
UF - Pineiro, 48-yd field goal

	FLORIDA	IOWA
First Downs	11	14
Rushes-Yards	32-109	41-171
Passing Yards	222	55
Att.-Comp.-Int.	25-14-2	24-7-3
Total Offense	331	226
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-60	1-10
Possession Time	28:45	31:15

### Rushing:

Florida - Scarlett 14-94, Perine 7-19, Callaway 1-6, Thompson 2-4, Team 2-(-3), Appleby 6-(-11)

Iowa - Wadley 22-115, LeShun 15-45, Beathard 4-11

### Passing:

Florida - Appleby 14-25-2-222 2 TD

Iowa - Beathard 7-23-3-55, Stanley 0-1-0-0

### Receiving:

Florida - Callaway 7-55, Goolsby 2-27 TD, Powell 2-15, Thompson 1-85 TD, Swain 1-24, Cleveland 1-16

Iowa - Wadley 4-21, Kittle 1-18, McCarron 1-11, Pekar 1-5

## 2018 CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL

Dec. 29, 2018 • Atlanta, Ga. (Att. 74,006)

FLORIDA 41  
MICHIGAN 15

Florida 3 10 14 14-41  
Michigan 7 3 0 5-15

UF - McPherson 21-yard field goal  
UM - Patterson to Peoples-Jones, 9-yard pass (Moody kick)  
UF - McPherson 26-yard field goal  
UM - Moody 48-yd field goal  
UF - Franks 20-yard run (McPherson kick)  
UF - Perine 5-yard pass (McPherson kick)  
UF - Scarlett 1-yard pass (McPherson kick)  
UM - Moody 26-yd field goal  
UF - Perine 53-yard pass (McPherson kick)  
UM - Blocked Punt for UF Safety  
UF - Gardner-Johnson 30-yard INT return (McPherson kick)

	FLORIDA	MICHIGAN
First Downs	15	18
Rushes-Yards	40-257	30-77
Passing Yards	170	249
Att.-Comp.-Int.	14-24-0	23-37-2
Total Offense	427	326
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-22
Possession Time	31:19	28:41

### Rushing:

Florida - Perine, L. 6-76, TD; Franks, F. 14-74, TD; Scarlett, J. 9-63, TD; Toney, K. 2-36

Michigan - Turner, C. 7-32; Evans, C. 7-20; Milton, J. 1-11

### Passing:

Florida - Franks, F. 13-23-0, 173, TD

Michigan - Patterson, S. 22-36-2, 236, TD

### Receiving:

Florida - Jefferson, V. 4-64; Hammond, J. 2-61; Lewis, C. 1-28; Perine, L. 4-22, TD

Michigan - Collins, N. 5-80; Peoples-Jones, D. 8-71, TD; Gentry, Z. 2-39

## 2019 CAPITAL ONE ORANGE BOWL

Dec. 30, 2019 • Miami Gardens, Fla. (Att. 65,157)

FLORIDA 36  
VIRGINIA 28

Florida 14 10 3 9-36  
Michigan 7 7 0 14-28

UF - Perine 61-yard run (McPherson kick)  
VA - Jana 34-yard pass (Delaney kick)  
UF - Perine 16-yard pass (McPherson kick)  
VA - Dubois 9-yard pass (Delaney kick)  
UF - McPherson 23-yard field goal  
UF - Perine 10-yard run (McPherson kick)  
UF - McPherson 49-yard field goal  
VA - Reed 7-yard pass (Delaney kick)  
UF - Trask 1-yard run  
UF - McPherson 42-yard field goal  
UF - Dubois 2-yard pass (Delaney kick)

	FLORIDA	VIRGINIA
First Downs	25	20
Rushes-Yards	34-244	21-52
Passing Yards	305	323
Att.-Comp.-Int.	24-39-1	28-41-1
Total Offense	549	375
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-14
Possession Time	31:51	28:09

### Rushing:

Florida - Perine, L. 13-138, 2 TD; Trask, K. 8-37, TD; Pierce, D. 6-34; Jones, E. 4-32; Davis, M. 1-3; Toney, K. 1-1; Team 1-(-1)

Virginia - Perkins, B. 14-24; Taulapapa, W. 5-14; Reed, J. 2-14

### Passing:

Florida - Trask, K. 24-39-1, 305, TD

Virginia - Perkins, B. 28-40-1, 323, 4 TD; Team 0-1

### Receiving:

Florida - Jefferson, V. 4-129; Perine, L. 5-43, TD; Cleveland, T. 3-51; Pitts, K. 3-39; Swain, F. 3-21; Davis, M. 1-9; Grimes, T. 1-7; Copeland, J. 1-7; Toney, K. 1-(-1)

Virginia - Dubois, H. 10-83, 2 TD; Jana, T. 7-126, TD; Reed, J. 7-52, TD; Cowley, T. 3-60; Kemp, B. 1-2

## 2020 GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL

Dec. 30, 2020 • Arlington, Texas (Att. 17,323)

FLORIDA 20  
OKLAHOMA 55

Florida 3 10 0 7-20  
Oklahoma 17 14 10 14-55

**OU** - Rattler 27-yard pass (Brkic kick)

**OU** - Norwood 45-yard interception (Brkic kick)

**OU** - Brkic 43-yard field goal

**UF** - McPherson 21-yard field goal

**UF** - Jones 1-yard run (McPherson kick)

**UF** - McPherson 35-yard field goal

**OU** - Rattler 36-yard pass (Brkic kick)

**OU** - Rattler 1-yard run (Brkic kick)

**OU** - Brkic 20-yard field goal

**OU** - Stevenson 15-yard run (Brkic kick)

**OU** - Rattler 20-yard pass (Brkic kick)

**OU** - Major 46-yard run (Brkic kick)

**UF** - Richardson 27-yard pass (Howard kick)

	FLORIDA	OKLAHOMA
First Downs	28	25
Rushes-Yards	39-250	40-435
Passing Yards	271	249
Att.-Comp.-Int.	25-45-3	15-25-0
Total Offense	521	684
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-61	4-40
Possession Time	33:20	26:40

### Rushing:

Florida - Jones, E. 10-63, 1 TD; Pierce, D. 11-61; Wright, N. 4-49; Richardson, A. 3-42; Davis, M. 7-31; Lingard, L. 1-13; Trask, K. 3-3

Oklahoma - Stevenson, R. 18-186, 1 TD; Major, M. 9-110, 1 TD; McGowan, S. 1-73; Rattler, S. 7-46, 1 TD; Henderson, M. 1-18; Hudson, T. 2-12; Team 2-(-4)

### Passing:

Florida - Trask, K. 16-28-3, 158; Jones, E. 8-16-0, 86; Richardson, A. 1-1-0, 27, 1 TD

Oklahoma - Rattler, S. 14-23-0, 247, 3 TD; Morris, C. 1-2-0, 2

### Receiving:

Florida - Whittemore, T. 2-47; Wells, R. 6-43; Zipperer, K. 4-38; Pouncey, J. 1-27, 1 TD; Shorter, J. 2-22; Pierce, D. 2-20; Davis, M. 2-19; Wright, N. 2-13; Weston, J. 1-13; Gamble, K. 1-13; Henderson, X. 1-12; Fraziers, J. 1-4

Oklahoma - McGowan, S. 3-70; Rambo, C. 2-45, 1 TD; Wease, T. 1-36, 1 TD; Mims, M. 1-27, 1 TD; Stoops, D. 2-21; Bridges, T. 2-19; Stogner, A. 1-12; Hall, J. 1-12; Howard, T. 1-5; Henderson, M. 1-2

## 2021 GASPARILLA BOWL

Dec. 23, 2021 • Tampa, Fla. (Att. 63,669)

UCF 29  
FLORIDA 17

UCF 0 9 17 3-29  
Florida 7 3 7 0-17

**UF** - Pierce 2-yard run (Howard kick)

**UCF** - Bowser 3-yard run (2pt attempt failed)

**UCF** - Obarski 34-yard field goal

**UF** - Howard 26-yard field goal

**UCF** - Bowser 4-yard run (Obarski kick)

**UF** - Davis 19-yard run (Howard kick)

**UCF** - Obarski 21-yard field goal

**UCF** - Keene 54-yard pass (Obarski kick)

**UCF** - Obarski 33-yard field goal

	UCF	FLORIDA
First Downs	20	19
Rushes-Yards	50-288	30-205
Passing Yards	148	171
Att.-Comp.-Int.	15-25-0	14-37-0
Total Offense	436	376
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-42	8-85
Possession Time	34:30	25:30

### Rushing:

UCF - Bowser, I. 35-155, 2 TD; O'Keefe, R. 4-110; Richardson, J. 3-40; Johnson, A. 1-4; Navarro, P. 1-3; Gatewood, J. 1-(-1); Team 2-(-4); Keene, M. 3-(-19)

Florida - Davis, M. 7-86, TD; Jones, E. 10-62; Pierce, D. 13-57, TD

### Passing:

UCF - Keene, M. 14-22-0, 144, TD; Navarro, P. 1-2-0, 4; Gatewood, J. 0-1-0, 0

Florida - Jones, E. 14-36-0, 171; Whittemore, T. 0-1-0, 0

### Receiving:

UCF - O'Keefe, R. 7-85, TD; Richardson, J. 3-29; Holler, A. 2-14; Mokia-Atimala, T. 2-11; Craig-Myers, N. 1-9

Florida - Shorter, J. 3-54; Wells, R. 3-41; Copeland, J. 2-35;

Whittemore, T. 3-22; Gamble, K. 1-15; Henderson, X. 1-5;

Pierce, D. 1-(-1)





# SEASON CLIPS

FLORIDA VS OREGON STATE

## **Gators' record in 2022 was half-empty, but the future looks more filling – Whitley**

By: David Whitley

Gainesville Sun

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TALLAHASSEE — Billy Napier is not into public displays of emotion. But after the 12-game rollercoaster ride of a season came to an end Friday night, he couldn't help himself.

"It's humbling to be standing on that sideline," he said, gently pounding the table in front of him. "I'm proud of the way those kids competed in the game. Proud of the way those kids came together."

There was a lot for him to proud of against Florida State. But in the end, the Black Friday special was too much like all the checkered Saturdays that preceded it.

"Tough one to swallow," Napier said.

The Gators were really good in spots, had terrible stretches, showed resiliency, delivered plenty of drama and lost. This time it was 45-38, so nobody can say the regular-season's final act wasn't entertaining.

ABC's Friday night audience was treated to the highest scoring game in series history. It was the second straight week the crowd rushed the field after the home team beat the Gators, which might be some kind of record.

The last time FSU fans rushed the field was supposedly 1996, when the Seminoles beat the top-ranked Gators. In the intervening 26 years, rarely has so much joy erupted over beating a 6-6 team.

That's probably a testament to where FSU has come from under Mike Norvell. He inherited the Jimbo Fisher/Willie Taggart dumpster fire and lost 13 of his first 21 games. Now the Seminoles are 9-3 and envisioning a return to Bowden-like glory.

"I'm just so excited for what the future holds here," Norvell said.

So what about Florida? Should we judge a 6-6 season as half-empty or half-full?

The half-empty crowd will point to the erratic play, some curious play-calling and the bottom-line fact that Napier lost to all the rivals — Tennessee, Georgia and FSU.

That's a first for a first-year coach at Florida. Throw in a loss to Vanderbilt, and there's reason for fans to head into the holidays feeling half-empty.

"We just need to perform better overall," Anthony Richardson said. "It definitely kind of hurts just knowing what we can do and we're not doing it every minute."

Pearsall, Etienne provided the good vs. FSU

The good minutes Friday night were Ricky Pearsall's two touchdown catches and 148 yards receiving and freshman Trevor Etienne gaining 129 yards. Montrell Johnson added 85 yards as the Gators rolled up 262 yards rushing.

That's good enough to win most games, unless your QB completes nine of 27 passes.

"It's just crazy to see that there were only nine completions," Richardson said. "That's just crazy to me."

It must be noted that five of UF's top six receivers were out with injuries. It'd be hard for Patrick Mahomes to overcome that kind of insanity.

Then there was UF's defense, which struggled to reach quarter-full level most of the season. It didn't help matters that the top two tacklers were mostly missing. Rashad Torrance was out with an elbow injury and Ventrell Miller was serving a targeting penalty in the first half.

With or without Miller, the Gators could not contain Jordan Travis. FSU's QB gave a clinic on how to turn sacks into game-changing plays.

"His legs were the difference in the game," Napier said.

Those legs largely explained how FSU scored 17 straight points to take a 38-24 lead into the fourth quarter. Then the Gators followed the standard 2022 script, rallying from the near-dead to almost win.

Miller was asked if last year's team would have shown such moxie. He said he didn't know, so allow me to offer a definitive answer.

No.

The 2021 team would have mailed it in.

The 2022 Gators laid the foundation for future teams  
"I'm proud of the intangibles our team showed," Napier said.

That gets to the half-full view of 2022. There has been a lot of progress, but it's not easy to quantify and therefore easier to dismiss. But certain intangibles are the basis of every successful program.

It's stuff like attitude and discipline and buying in. The go-to word is "culture." Installing a new one was Job One this year for Napier.

"This a process," he said before the game. "You don't just flip a switch and the house is built."

A lot of fans don't want to hear that, especially when they see the quick rebuilds at places like USC and LSU. All I can say is every coach needs three years to restock and mentally condition a roster before a legit verdict can be rendered.

We're one-third of the way there, not counting whatever bowl game UF gets. For all the legit half-full criticisms, there's no question the culture has come around.

That's why Napier pounded the table Friday night. He knows the foundation has been laid.

It takes a while for that to translate into tangible success, but that half-full glass will eventually start to fill.

Just look at FSU.



## **'It's great to be a Florida Gator': Miller expresses gratitude for UF career**

By: Jacob Rudner

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Since 2017, Florida football has cycled through two head coaches and hired a third while bringing a number of new assistants.

The program has reached the SEC Championship, recorded 10- and 11-win seasons and has also faltered, stumbling its way to two sub-.500 campaigns in a five-year span.

The Gators have signed over 100 players from the high school level while securing a few dozen transfers. Plenty of players have left the program, too.

One constant throughout that stretch, however, has been the presence of linebacker Ventrell Miller, now a sixth-year senior who has been described by teammates as the heart and soul of the program.

And with the 2022 regular season complete, whether or not the tenured defender will play one more game as a Gator remains to be seen.

"I don't know," he said with regard to potentially playing in the team's bowl game shortly after Florida lost 45-38 at Florida State on Friday night. "But like I said, man, I love those guys, man. Been going to war with those guys each and every day, battling in practice with those guys. It's been a pleasure."

Miller's college journey to this point has been anything but conventional. A former three-star prospect out of Kathleen High School in Lakeland, Florida, Miller joined the Gators prior to the 2017 campaign but spent the entire season away from the team as he served a suspension for his role in a felony fraud scandal.

Miller then managed to work his way to a reserve capacity a year later and appeared in all 13 of Florida's games. It was after that campaign that his role expanded markedly.

In 2019, Miller started 11 games and finished the season ranked second on the team in tackles. He also was one of eight Gators to record at least three sacks. In 2020, Miller paced Florida with 88 total tackles despite playing in 11 contests (10 starts).

It was clear he was one of the team's defensive anchors. He was somebody his teammates looked to.

"I mean, the guy's inspirational relative to his example, his consistency as a person, his leadership, his presence," Billy Napier, Miller's third head coach at the college level, said earlier this year. "He makes other people around him better."

But 2021 slammed the breaks on Miller's momentum. He led the Gators with seven tackles in their season-opening contest against Florida Atlantic but felt that something was off in the days after the game.

In practice, Miller said his arm felt strange but he remained confident he could play through the discomfort and started a week later against South Florida.

He suffered a torn bicep. It required season-ending surgery.

“Rehab was a grind,” Miller said. “Like, four or five months of just continuing to, every day going in and getting my rehab in.”

Though grueling, the recovery process seemingly put Miller back on track. He said he returned to full-strength workouts in the gym and was able to get through spring practices without any discomfort.

By the time fall camp rolled around, Miller was ready.

He went on to rank third among Florida players in total tackles, second in tackles for loss, second in forced fumbles and routinely graded out as one of the nation’s top interior linebackers.

“That’s our guy,” starting sophomore cornerback Jason Marshall said Monday. “He calls the plays. He basically holds the defense together.”

It’s true.

Florida’s defense was inconsistent at best this season.

As of Nov. 21, only four FBS schools ranked lower than the Gators in third-down defense. The program also sat among the worst nationally in rushing defense, pass defense and sack percentage. Florida was a middle-of-the-road scoring defense, too, a number that shifted in the wrong direction on Friday when it surrendered 45 points in a loss to the Seminoles.

Those issues have been exacerbated, however, when the Gators are without Miller, who missed part of the team’s loss to Kentucky due to an injury and was absent during a narrow win over USF due to the same ailment.

“Ventrell has meant everything to this program,” senior linebacker Amari Burney said. “The last two years he’s been kinda dinged up a little bit, but just him still being here, still coming back, and anytime he’s been on the field he’s been producing. He’s been a leader on the field. I tell Ventrell everyday that I’m very grateful for him. He makes me better. When we’re on the field we’re really competing with each other. When I make a play I tell him its time for him to make a play. We just feed of each other’s energy, and I know when I’ve got 51 beside me, I’m invincible.”

Even if Miller opts to play in Florida’s bowl game, the veteran has reached the end of his lengthy college journey. And despite the turnover that has occurred around him over the last six years, he said Friday that he’s confident the program is headed in the right direction thanks to Napier and the rest of the team’s coaching staff.

He expressed his gratitude for having been a part of it.

“We say each and every day, it’s great to be a Florida Gator,” Miller said. “Definitely coming here, they brought me from a boy to a man... I just want to say thank you.”

## **Gators' country-strong O'Cyrus Torrence is a player NFL teams will love, coaches say**

By: G. Allan Taylor

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Offensive lineman O'Cyrus Torrence stands in a second-story hallway at the University of Florida's football training center, arms outstretched side-to-side. This isn't about measuring the wingspan of a future selection in the NFL Draft, but reminiscing with assistant Jabbar Juluke over an in-home visit from the fall of 2018, when the kid called "Cybo" could touch the sidewalls of a cramped trailer he shared with his mom, grandmother and three siblings.

"He had to duck his head to get into that trailer," recalled Juluke, who back then was on staff at Louisiana and trying to sign an obscure prospect from Greensburg, La., population barely exceeding 700. If finding a kid like Torrence in the recruiting process seemed difficult, actually finding the trailer in the woods where he lived proved more challenging, even for a home-state coach like Juluke, who knew most every corner of every parish.

"There's country, but Greensburg is country," said Juluke, who lived, played and coached in the state for a half-century and thought he knew his way around.

"The middle of nowhere," said Torrence, who ultimately walked out to the road that day and flagged down the car carrying Juluke and fellow Louisiana assistant D.J. Looney.

Sitting inside the trailer, they warmed to the kid's humility, his reasonable expectations, his authenticity. Without an iota of entitlement, Torrence discussed a late offer from Georgia, which wanted to sign him as a nose tackle, but reiterated how comfortable he felt as a blocker, how he believed that playing offensive line was the key "to taking football as far as it could go."

It took him to Lafayette, where he became a freshman All-America and an All-Sun Belt selection. Then it took him to Florida, where this season he proved himself SEC-worthy. Now it's on the verge of taking him to the NFL as a high-round draft pick.

"He's about to buy his grandmother a big ol' house," Juluke said.

Torrence's face illuminates over a future of helping his mother Demetrice, whom he describes as "my rock," and the grandmother he calls "Mama." Maybe he'll buy them a place in Greensburg, or perhaps they'll join him in whatever NFL location awaits. Whatever they want, whatever they need, he's primed to provide.

The arms capable of spanning that trailer are now wrapped around the family and the coaches who believed in him.

'Dang, this kid's going to be good'

Florida assistant Rob Sale cuts a figure of the consummate offensive line coach, with calves that could double as bridge pillars and a no-B.S. demeanor for scorching dudes who slack in practice.

Get him talking about Torrence, however, and Sale's voice cracks.

"I owe Cybo a lot. He's the reason you enjoy coaching," said Sale, his eyes pooling up. "He has your back and you have his. I'd run through a wall for him."



Part of the staff that signed Torrence in 2019, Sale saw on his first encounter at St. Helena Academy that the Ragin Cajuns were getting a “big, strong guy” capable of contributing early — even though the kid wasn’t ranked among the top 1,600 recruits in the 247 Sports Composite. When Torrence enrolled the ensuing August, it took only a few preseason practices for Sale’s expectations to soar. “Once I get my hands on them for a week or two, I can start to tell what you’re really working with,” he said. “And with Cybo, you could see right away that, dang, this kid’s going to be good.”

Sale hammered home a refrain to the kid — “practice like a starter” — and by Week 2 of his freshman season, Torrence was indeed starting for Louisiana at left guard, holding his own on a line that featured second-round NFL pick Robert Hunt and fourth-rounder Kevin Dotson, players who have combined for 57 starts for the Dolphins and Steelers.

Torrence joked about “being just good enough to stay out of Sale’s line of fire” when it came to those practice-field blisterings. A natural run blocker, he admitted that picking up the pass protections — identifying the mike linebacker and learning how to slide — was more complicated. During games, Torrence could rely on the center to point out assignments, but such assistance was forbidden in practice when Sale essentially used pop quizzes to determine what the freshman knew. “That’s when I’d mess up sometimes and he’d yell at me,” Torrence said. “But it always came from a place of love.”

The pass-pro lessons apparently took, considering Torrence did not allow a sack in three years at Louisiana. Sale spent the 2021 season with the New York Giants before reuniting with head coach Billy Napier at Florida, where they prioritized Torrence as a prized transfer.

Napier had played a crucial role in recruiting at Louisiana, and throughout Torrence’s senior high school season, they shared Thursday night calls that featured discussions of football and family, rarely in that order. It became such a ritual that Torrence thought it only appropriate to call Napier one Thursday to convey his commitment.

Three years later, a crush of Power 5 schools pursued Torrence in the portal, though none of them could dent the longstanding relationships he shared with Napier, Sale, Juluke and other staffers who built a winner at Louisiana. So he joined the Gators, with a caveat: Hailed nationally as a premier pickup, he was greeted internally as a third-stringer on the depth chart.

“It was weird. I hadn’t been third-string since my freshman year of high school, but the coaches didn’t want to show any favoritism,” he said.

Sale never had doubts about Torrence’s ability to star at Florida. He simply wanted the new teammates to arrive at their own realization. “You’ve got to earn the respect of your room. You can’t just put a guy in there starting Day 1, or you’d lose everybody,” Sale said. “You’ve got to show them over time that he’s the best player, and to the guys in the room, it has to be 100 percent obvious.

“I told Cybo he had to go earn it, and he did.”

Through 10 starts — Torrence missed the Oct. 15 loss against LSU with a strained MCL — he has spearheaded an offense that ranks No. 2 nationally at 5.86 yards per carry and 15th in sacks allowed.

Week to week, facing a series of draftable SEC defensive linemen, Torrence has validated he can block them at a high level.

“I like the challenge of going up against those guys,” he said. “I get in my stance and I’m happy.

Athleticism and discipline

The occasional salmon days at the Louisiana athletic dining hall were important to Torrence because he could take fish home to his cat, Cee-Cee. Among the upgraded resources at Florida are tuna packets players can grab anytime. So Cee-Cee approves of the move.

The more ostentatious perks of the new \$85 million football facility stretch far beyond Starkist.

“You’ve got a sleep tank, a hyperbaric chamber, a cold tub — but we tell young guys that none of it’s worth a dang unless you use it,” Sale said. “Cybo dives into all of it.” That includes working with Kelsee Gomes, the football program’s director of sports nutrition. “There nobody who’s in Miss Kelsee’s back pocket as much as Cybo. He takes advantage of everything and really works on his body.”

Listed at 6-foot-5 and 347 pounds, Torrence has the leanest muscle mass on the team, according to Sale. That’s a striking turn from when Torrence was an obese eighth-grader in Greensburg, topping 400 pounds. He hadn’t started playing football yet, but a fortunate trip to detention forced him to interact with the high school coach. They talked about Torrence needing to eat better and drop weight to lead a healthy life.

“I decided that I was going to do it, and I used football as an excuse just to go out there and lose the weight,” he said. “Then I found out I actually loved football.”

Though he still carries some loose skin around his midsection, a reminder of his 400-pound days, Torrence has maintained a consistent weight throughout college. “NFL teams ask if he’s a guy who spikes up and has to lose it, but he has been between 335 and 340 ever since I’ve known him,” Sale said.

Torrence rarely touches sweets in the dining hall, and when he does, he assures Sale that it’s “just a taste.”

That mixture of big-man athleticism and self-discipline is why Sale projects Torrence as an All-Pro guard.

“The ones that play a long time in the league are different — football isn’t just a hobby to them,” Sale said. “When it comes to training, nutrition, film study and practice, they’re committed.”

“I never had one time to put my foot in his ass and tell him to get moving. There are no bad days with Cybo. He plays sometimes when he doesn’t feel good, but you don’t know it. He’s easy to coach.”

Torrence’s NIL earnings this year have been funneled to family. Along with money sent to his grandmother, he helped his mom pay rent for moving to a safer area of New Orleans close to her job. The most extravagant expenditure? “A pretty big TV” for his mom so she can watch the Gators games. She’s scared to fly and can’t make the 16-hour roundtrip drives to Gainesville.

“Now she has a nice set-up at home, where she can cook and see all our games and be happy in her element,” Torrence said.

The Athletic’s draft analyst Dane Brugler recently listed Torrence as the No. 27 prospect in the 2023 draft, a slot that would carry a multi-year rookie contract exceeding \$12 million. The player who didn’t have enough money to get his game-day suits ironed at Louisiana, soon will achieve NFL wealth.

“He’s not going to buy a bunch of flashy stuff,” Sale said. “He’s going to be level-headed, and I’ve got no worries about him going anywhere from New York to Houston. He’s like a garfish — he can thrive anywhere.”

“He’s a stud and you love him because the right things are important to him. Whatever organization gets him, the O-line room and everybody on that team is going to love him.”

## **Just let Florida Gators' Billy Napier do his job, 'because he knows what he's doing'**

By: Matt Baker  
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TALLAHASSEE — If you're among the Florida Gators fans who are antsy, if not frustrated, with the team's performance under first-year coach Billy Napier, Bryan Maggard has a message for you.

"It's like, just let this guy do his job, right?" Maggard said. "Give him some time, because he knows what he's doing."

Maggard knows that better than anyone; he is the Louisiana athletic director who hired Napier, then watched him develop into the best coach his program has ever had.

Maggard sat down with the Tampa Bay Times in the Doak Campbell Stadium press box Saturday, a few hours before his Ragin' Cajuns' defeat at Florida State ... and a few hours before Napier's Gators lost at Vanderbilt to drop to 6-5. But you can tell by the way Maggard gushed about his former employee that the four disappointing quarters in Nashville wouldn't overshadow their four years of success.

Maggard knew Napier had a lot of potential when he pulled him away from Arizona State in December 2017. Though Napier wasn't a household name yet, he was a skilled schemer, charismatic recruiter and meticulous planner. As Maggard saw Napier in action during Year One, his belief was fortified.

"You just knew right then that we can do some special things here," Maggard said.

The results did not necessarily back him up. Louisiana won the Sun Belt West Division title but dropped the conference championship game and Cure Bowl in Orlando to finish a pedestrian 7-7. Behind the scenes, however, Maggard saw Napier installing a championship foundation.

"He did a great job of coming in and establishing a culture," Maggard said. "It was legitimate. It was real."

So were the relationships Napier was building. Assistants came up to Maggard to tell him how much they enjoyed working for Napier. Maggard saw trust develop with players by how Napier put his arm around them and how they spoke in team meetings or hallway conversations.

The progress began to take off at the end of Napier's first year, starting with attrition and talent acquisition — the phase the Gators will formally enter after their regular season ends Friday night at FSU. Louisiana signed a recruiting class ranked No. 1 in the Sun Belt and 13th among Group of Five programs. Six signees started in the 2021 conference championship game, including offensive lineman O'Cyrus Torrence, who is having an All-America season after following Napier to Florida.

That momentum flowed into Napier's second spring, which he and his players could attack with a sense of familiarity and routine they didn't have in Year One.

"I think that's when he really got to come in and establish his program..." Maggard said. "I just think he was able to really implement (his culture) and take his program to the next level."



The success happened immediately in Year Two, starting with a competitive loss to Mississippi State in the opener. The Ragin' Cajuns won 11 of their next 13 games in what was (at the time) the best season in program history. They followed that by finishing 10-1 and sharing the conference title in 2020, then going 12-1 and winning the championship outright last year before Napier left for Florida.

There was no ill will when Napier got the Gators job. Far from it. Maggard told UF athletic director Scott Stricklin his hire was like Oklahoma luring Bob Stoops away from Florida's staff before the 1999 season; Stoops led the Sooners to a national title and rebuilt them into a consistent national power.

"It's going to be that profound, in terms of getting Florida back to where they need to be — competing for and winning national championships," Maggard said. "I believe that wholeheartedly."

Florida fans may be wavering on that belief after Napier's mediocre start featured losses to Kentucky, Tennessee, LSU and Georgia plus a close call against USF. Maggard, however, remains steadfast.

"There's no doubt in my mind," Maggard said, "Florida's going to be extremely successful."

## **Gators' 435-pound Des Watson grows into folk hero after near-TD goes viral**

By: Edgar Thompson

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In Florida sophomore Desmond Watson's mind, he's a running back stuck in the body of the biggest player in Power 5 football.

The Gators' 6-foot-5, 435-pound man child also has become a folk hero.

When he seized the football from the clutches of South Carolina's Jaheim Bell, Watson's instincts kicked in.

"I just ripped it and thought 6," he said Wednesday.

Watson didn't reach the end zone during a 38-6 win, but his attempt has run on loop ever since for the 19-year-old from Plant City.

"Every time I open my phone, I at least see it two or three times," the soft-spoken, Teddy bear of a nose tackle said.

Mount Watson stands out but also has a penchant for creating viral moments.

Watson body-slammed USF quarterback Gerry Bohanon to the turf at the Swamp on Sept. 17 for a critical fourth-quarter stop during Florida's 31-28 win.

Other impactful moments had been few until Watson's tore away the football from South Carolina's Bell and turned south toward pay dirt.

"I was like 'touchdown,'" Watson said. "I knew it was a touchdown, ain't gonna lie."

Touchdown dreams ended when Gamecocks quarterback Spencer Rattler corralled Watson despite ceding 4 inches and 220 pounds.

From his Pop Warner days at fullback, Watson learned ball security comes first.

"He punched the ball and I felt the ball coming out," Watson explained. "It was more important to try to get possession than keep fighting. So I just grabbed the ball and fell down."

Watson's teammates gave him a ribbing for allowing Rattler to tackle him, but not before a wild celebration on the Gators' sideline.

"Just seeing somebody that big with the ball in his hands — that's something you rarely see," safety Rashad Torrence II said. "So we had to take advantage of it and enjoy the moment."

The Gators are confident bigger moments are ahead.

"The potential with Des is through the roof," center Kingsley Eguakun said. "Not too many people are that size."

A less-massive version would be OK with coach Billy Napier — and Watson himself.

A 4-star recruit from powerhouse Seffner Armwood, he only recently tapped his potential.

“Wasn’t the best offseason in the world truth be known, but during training camp he changed gears,” Napier said. “He worked hard to earn the spot that he has, and he’s really garnered some respect because he’s developed some habits that have led to improvement.

“He has more discipline in his life than he’s probably ever had. He’s experiencing some success. The guy has way more room to grow.”

Watson wants to build on his success, beginning with his eighth consecutive start Saturday at Vanderbilt.

Last week, he led all FBS defenders with a 96.9 run defense grade from Pro Football Focus.

“I’ve never really doubted my athletic ability,” Watson said. “I know what I want to be in the future. So there’s things I had to do in order to get on the field and make plays. As long as I keep doing that, like getting my weight down and working more ... the sky’s the limit for me.”

The Gators have lacked a game-changer in the middle since Jon Bullard, Dominique Easley and Sharif Floyd anchored some of the nation’s best defenses.

Back then, Watson was a running back playing Pop Warner who struck fear in opponents.

“Everybody wanted the bigger kid to be running back because no one wanted to tackle him,” Watson recalled.

But Watson quickly grew and soon found a home in the trenches. While he never lost his appetite for reaching the end zone, Watson accepted who he had become.

“My high school coach always used to ask me if I wanted a goal-line package,” he said. “I always told him I’d rather play D-line. I’m not much of a spotlight guy.”

These days, there is nowhere for Watson to hide.

The athletic department’s creative team turned his near-touchdown into a 17-second video Tuesday drawing nearly 300,000 views in two days. Watson said he most enjoyed the moment he and Forrest Gump were running side by side.

“I knew it was going to be something, but I didn’t expect that,” Watson said with a sheepish grin. “If I had to guess, I wouldn’t have guessed that. I enjoyed the video.

“I feel a lot of people enjoyed it, too.”



# Florida Gators' O'Cyrus Torrence is only getting better against the best competition

By: Trevor Sikkema

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After the recent rule change that has allowed players to transfer and play immediately, the transfer portal has become a source of help for many teams across the country.

One of those teams, the Florida Gators, cashed in on the portal in a major way this offseason, specifically with the addition of offensive lineman O'Cyrus Torrence.

New Gators head coach Billy Napier previously coached the University of Louisiana in the Sun Belt conference. After three straight double-digit winning seasons and three straight league titles, he jumped to the SEC and brought Torrence, one of his favorite players, with him.

The 6-foot-5, 347-pounder currently leads all SEC guards in overall grade (89.0), run-blocking grade (91.7), and positively graded run-block percentage (23.6%).

Not bad for a player who wasn't even sure if he could hang at this level.

Stat	Rank in Power 5	
Overall grade	89.1	3rd
Run-blocking grade	91.7	1st
Positively graded run-block %	23.6%	4 <sup>th</sup>

"When I went in the transfer portal, I thought I was just going to get in and get out," Torrence said in an exclusive interview with PFF. "It couldn't hurt just to go in and see if a bigger school would reach out. But when I got in the portal, [Napier] was the first one to reach out.

"It made me feel pretty good. I thought he wouldn't need me because he went to the SEC — and there are a bunch of good offensive linemen there. I wouldn't say I had low confidence, but I figured he wouldn't need me there. But he trusted and knew that I could be just as good of a player in this league as I was in that one."

Torrence started playing the game of football just because his oldest cousins were playing. He wanted to be like them. But he said he gave up football once he got to middle school and didn't think he'd play again.

In the end, it was the brotherhood, love of competition and a high school head coach who told him he was too damn big not to be playing football that helped get the pads back on.

He played both sides of the ball in high school and actually had an offer from Georgia to play defensive line. But his heart was on offense; he liked being the guy who set up duo blocks rather than being the one taking them on. But the scholarship offers on offense didn't come from the Power Five schools. Instead, he joined Napier at the University of Louisiana. It was there that he really took the next step toward being the dominant offensive lineman we see today.

As a true freshman, the Greensburg, La., native was just a backup in camp, but an injury to their starting left guard early in the season meant that he was going to be thrown into the fire whether he was ready or not.

“I was super nervous,” Torrence said. “I was nervous before every game. I didn’t realize how much they really needed me until I really got into film review and understood how important each spot on the offensive line was. I was taking it seriously for me, but when I became a starter, I realized how important it was to be a whole offensive line working together.”

Torrence started 13 games as a true freshman in 2019. In 2020, he started 11 games and earned second-team Sun Belt honors. In 2021, his third year, he started another 12 games and was named an all-conference player.

Year	Overall grade	Run-blocking grade
2019	72.8	71.5
2020	74.2	74.7
2021	88.2	89.4
2022	89.1	91.7

Torrence attributes his success to learning behind Kevin Dotson, former UL offensive lineman and current Pittsburgh Steelers left guard.

“I was following behind Kevin’s footsteps,” Torrence said. “When we would travel or when I had questions, I would always ask Kevin. He was that mentor to me. We both played guard, so I would try to take things from his game and put them into my game.”

Now in the SEC, Torrence is not just playing as well as he did at Louisiana — he’s playing even better. And as he has matched up against superior pass-rushers, it has only taught him more and allowed him to advance his game.

“I’ve realized in this league you can’t just punch and kick everybody [in pass sets],” Torrence said. “Players are better with their hand movement. In fall camp, I had that problem. During the early stages, I was getting beat in one-on-one drills because I was just punching, and these players are good at knocking my hands down instead of me catching and refitting my hands. Not everyone is going to want to bull rush me, so I can afford to take a shorter set and refit my hands. In the Sun Belt, it was just the same type of rushers, but here it’s speed guys with power. So I’ve had to adjust to the power.”

Torrence called the learning curve “interesting but fun,” and it’s certainly fun when the learning part of what you do still yields elite grades.

Week after week, Torrence is proving that he belongs in the SEC. And he will soon belong in the NFL.

## **Gators Q&A: Senior Linebacker Amari Burney**

By: Scott Carter

Florida Gators

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Chris Burney, the father of Gators senior linebacker Amari Burney, likes to tell a story about how when his son was in high school, he watched an episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks" that showed then-Texans star J.J. Watt's sleeping habits.

Watts often went to bed early so he could rise before the sun and be in top form. Soon, Amari started going to bed at 8 p.m. as a rising standout at Calvary Christian High in Clearwater.

Of course, there are times to stay up late. Times like the season opener against Utah, when Burney picked off a pass in the end zone in the final seconds to seal Florida's 29-26 over the Utes.

Burney's postgame party in the wee hours of Sunday morning sounds like a blast — and a good story to tell one day.

"I can't even tell you that — I'm gonna keep it a secret," Burney told reporters Wednesday. "After the Utah game we went out and had a little fun. I can't tell you what we did, but we got turned up a little bit."

Hey, guys just want to have fun, too.

A fifth-year senior who played from the start of his UF career, Burney is one of three starters on Florida's defense playing in their final home game on Saturday. Burney, linebacker Ventrell Miller and safety Trey Dean III have been through a lot of ups and downs together. They hope to close with a victory over South Carolina and another good story to share one day.

Unlike Miller and Dean, Burney has no plans to participate in Senior Day ceremonies prior to the game at The Swamp. He did that last year.

Here is a Q&A with Burney as he prepares to run onto Florida Field for the final time:

### **AMARI BURNEY Q&A**

Q: When you went through Senior Day last year did you think it might be your last year?

A: Not really. I kind of already talked with Coach about it last year and my parents. We had a COVID year and it was in my best interest to come back.

Q: What are your emotions going into this game?

A: Very high. I'm not the type of person to cry, but I'm just going to feel some type of way just knowing that this is my last game in The Swamp. The freshmen that came in, they are like brothers to me already. I told Shemar [James] I'm going to cry ... I'm just happy to have been here for this long and just want to go out with a bang.

Q: Did you cry last year?

A: No, because I knew I was going to be back.

Q: Was the interception against Utah your most memorable moment?

A: I would say that was my most memorable moment, most exciting moment that I had, just to end a game like that, the first game of the Coach Napier era. Just to go out with a big win like that, at The Swamp, sellout crowd, yeah, I could say that's my biggest memory.

Q: What's the bond like between you, Trey and Ventrell?

A: The bond is very, very strong. I mean, we can joke with each other, we can yell at each other, we can cuss at each other, we can fight with each other, but at the end of the day, we know that we've always got to be for each other. The way we talk to each other, it's like brothers, like we've been together for five. I've been with Ventrell for five, I've been with Trey for five, just the way we interact with each other, the way we hang out with each other, it's a very close bond.

Q: Where is the defense's confidence after the second-half performance last week?

A: I feel like it's a big confidence. I can see us flying around in practice. We're having a little more fun in practice. People are not taking it as we have to practice, we get to practice out there so knowing what we did in the second half against Texas A&M, and knowing what we can do for 60 minutes instead of 30 minutes is like a big factor for us on defense.

Q: What has been Ventrell's impact on the team?

A: Ventrell has meant everything to this program. The last two years he's been kind of dinged up a little bit, but just him still being here, still coming back, and anytime he's been on the field he's been producing. He's been a leader. I tell Ventrell everyday that I'm very grateful for him. He makes me better. When we're on the field, we're really competing with each other. When I make a play, I tell him it's time for him to make a play. We just feed off each other's energy, and I know when I've got 51 beside me, I'm invincible.

Q: What about Trey's impact?

A: Trey Dean brings a lot of swagger and energy to the program. He's a guy that's gonna flex and talk his stuff. I'm not really a big talker on the field, but I know when I make a play I've got Trey Dean to talk for me. Trey Dean's gonna let them have it. Just knowing he's going to back you up is a big factor.

Q: What is the importance of losing to South Carolina last season?

A: We always owe somebody one when they get us the year before. We took a lot from it, but I feel like last year is last year and this year is this year. Two different teams, and we've got a new coaching staff, so I feel like what happened last year doesn't play too big of a factor. We're just trying to go out there and win a game.

Q: How did the seniors buy into a new coaching staff this season?

A: It was a big thing for the seniors, and I feel like the younger guys follow what the seniors do. If we're not respecting the coaches — if we're not following what he's doing, then we're saying 'we don't really care and this junk is some bull and why are we doing this?' — I feel like the young guys are going to follow our lead. But when Coach Napier got here and Coach Hocke got here and Coach PT got here, I think they saw the seniors buy in. We were buying in more than anybody else. We told them 'We're gonna lock in.' Just having the young guys follow our lead, I think it brought the team closer together.



## **Gators Edge Rusher Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr. Excelling in Expanded Role**

By: Brandon Carroll

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Despite the small sample size, there is a potential emergence brewing on the Gators' defensive front.

Brenton Cox Jr.'s unexpected dismissal from Florida on Oct. 31 sent a strong message to Florida's locker room as head coach Billy Napier attempts to instill a new culture in Gainesville.

However, as a team reeling following two straight losses at the time, sending off a major defensive contributor didn't seem like a recipe for short-term success.

With Cox's most substantial impact coming as a pass rusher, where Florida has already struggled at times this season — ranking tied for 95th in sacks to this point — UF found not just a serviceable plug at JACK for Cox but a boost in the unit from COVID-year redshirt sophomore Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr.

Serving in rotation with Cox throughout the year, Powell-Ryland flashed signs of promise in his limited playing time. Despite that, outside linebackers coach Mike Peterson shared his confidence in him to assume the role in a heightened capacity after the roster shakeup.

"Coach Peterson, he was telling me that basically, he was just like get ready to play because he said he knew I was ready," Powell shared. "But it was just a matter of time when I was going to go."

Peterson was right.

That potential Powell-Ryland showed in a rotation this season turned into production as he accounted for six tackles, one sack and one forced fumble to play a crucial role in Florida's defensive surge on Saturday. He made the most of his first starting opportunity with a career-best outing in the 41-24 road win.

"He's deserving," Napier said following Saturday's game. "Antwaun's a good football player. He's been productive when given opportunities in the past. Sometimes you don't know until that opportunity's presented to you. "One thing I know about A.P. is it means something to him to do his job for the other players. Great to see him step up and do big things that impacted the game today."

He and strongside defensive end Princely Umanmielen were catalysts for the Gators' success as they each forced a fumble on Texas A&M quarterback Haynes King in the second half on back-to-back drives.

"I felt it was a mismatch with me and the guard," Powell-Ryland recalled of his strip sack with 9:14 remaining in the 4th quarter to help preserve the Gators' 10-point lead at the time. "So I slammed in, made a move on him to get a sack.

"It felt real good."

That ability to force turnovers, which has quietly been an area Florida's excelled at this season amid the turmoil that side of the football has brought, gave the Gators the positive swings in momentum they needed to shut out the Aggies' attack in the second half.

However, while Powell-Ryland's contributions in the increased role impressed a large portion of outsiders, his efforts came as little surprise to those operating alongside him in the defense.

Umanmielen, specifically, expressed his confidence in the players who sat behind Cox for the majority of this season to step in and maintain or even increase the level of play from that spot prior to the Gators' trip to College Station.

"Brenton was a really good player, but I just feel like there was a lot of talent under him that's going to be put on display," he said on Wednesday. "The guys behind him aren't that far behind him, like Antwaun Powell, he's a great pass rusher."

Middle linebacker Ventrell Miller, who Powell-Ryland labeled as the "heart of the defense" and a mentor for him as he explores this new venture as a starter, praised the Portsmouth, Va., talent — and fellow beneficiary of the vacancy at JACK Lloyd Summerall III — for their play on Saturday.

"Definitely proud of those guys, Antwaun and Lloyd, both of them came and got the sack, caused a fumble," he said. "Those boys executed, and they knew what was on the line. I'm just proud of how they stepped up."

The Gators enter the final quarter of the season on Saturday as they host South Carolina in the last home contest of 2022 with an opportunity to secure bowl eligibility. In that closing stretch, Powell-Ryland said he feels more driven than ever to prove himself on the gridiron and is looking to continue growing as a player to aid Florida to a strong finish in year one of the Napier regime.

"I feel like I'm not where I'm supposed to be right now, as far as, I mean, anything — setting the edge, pass rushing. I feel like I can get better in everything."

His goal, for now, is to aid the defensive unit in putting together a complete performance that resembles the one that came in the second half last weekend while also playing to secure the starting spot at this position for the foreseeable future.

## **Gators thump Texas A&M behind Anthony Richardson's 4 TDs, awakened defense**

By: Edgar Thompson  
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COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Anthony Richardson was Anthony Richardson once again, but Florida's defense finally found itself, too.

Texas A&M could not contain Richardson's dual-threat talents during the Gators' decisive 41-24 SEC road win, the first for new coach Billy Napier and for Florida since 2020.

Florida's defense joined in the fun at clamorous Kyle Field to silence a crowd of 97,797 and end a two-game skid.

The much-maligned unit augmented Richardson's 4-touchdown day by slowing down and shutting out the Aggies during the game's final 30 minutes.

"Could have easily got frustrated, but that locker room ... stuck together," Napier said. "Just really proud of the overall response here."

Prospects appeared bleak for Florida (5-4, 2-4 SEC) after two failed possessions sandwiched a quick touchdown by Texas A&M (3-6, 1-5 SEC). Trailing 24-20 at halftime after six lead changes, the Gators had lost momentum while the Aggies would get back the ball to open the second half.

The message in the locker room was clear.

"A little bit of tough love," veteran linebacker Ventrell Miller said.

The Aggies soon received a healthy dose of defensive malevolence.

The SEC's worst third-down defense stopped Texas A&M on five straight conversion attempts after intermission, culminating with a strip sack by Princely Umanmielen. The native of nearby Manor came flying off the edge to suffocate Haynes King at the Florida 27 with around 11 minutes remaining and the Gators leading 34-24.

The Aggies' next possession ended on another King fumble, this time caused by Antwuan Powell-Ryland Jr. The sophomore shined while stepping in after veteran Brenton Cox Jr.'s dismissal Monday.

"Great to see him step up and do big things that impacted the game," Napier said.

Richardson's ability to impact games is well documented. Ditto the redshirt sophomore's inconsistency during his first season as a starter.

On Saturday, Richardson showcased his skill set against a young, vulnerable defense missing two injured veterans, including All-American safety Antonio Johnson. Richardson totaled 279 yards and accounted for 2 touchdowns each passing and running, highlighted by a 60-yard run.

“I’ve always been able to run the ball, pass the ball,” the 20-year-old said. “Just coming out today and being successful with those things, it feels pretty good for us.”

The flu left the Aggies without promising 5-star freshman Connor Weigman, who passed for 338 yards and 4 scores a week earlier against Ole Miss, and starting offensive lineman Kam Newberry.

Texas A&M did not skip a beat early on, beginning with a 65-yard run by Devon Achane on his team’s first snap.

A shootout between the teams ensued until King and the Aggies eventually began firing blanks.

“We started off flat-footed,” Miller said. “We just got the boys motivated second half and everybody did their job. We showed them how the Florida Gators defense can play.”

Florida fans, muffled much of the day by Texas A&M’s famous “12th Man,” eventually had their say, chanting, “It’s great to be a Florida Gator.”

A bowl bid is one win away, but Napier is thinking much bigger.

“It’s great to go to a bowl,” he said. “We’ve got bigger aspirations than that. The main thing that I’m probably most excited about is the progress we’ve made with those people. I could care less about anything but continuing that progress, that momentum, that brotherhood, those relationships.

“If you get that right, the football comes with it.”

Good football arrived when the Gators needed it against coach Jimbo Fisher’s free-falling Aggies, losers of five straight.

While better days are likely ahead, this was pretty good one, too.

While discussing his big day, Richardson knew he was missing out.

“If you could see those guys in there, you’d probably think it’s a block party in there,” he said of the Florida locker room. “Everybody is having fun, smiling. It’s a blessing for us.”



## Florida's defense shows how patience will pay off

By: David Whitley

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The defense saved the day.

Now there are some words you probably never thought you'd read. At least not anytime soon when it came to Florida.

Frankly, I thought I'd type "Biden endorses DeSantis" or "Kanye becomes rabbi" before the Gators' defense materialized. But a strange and instructive thing happened Saturday on the way to Patrick Toney being run out of Gainesville.

Florida's defense made tackles, covered receivers, caused turnovers, racked up some sacks, made third-down stops — repeat, made third-down stops — made crucial plays and did all those other things good defenses are supposed to do.

The end result was a promising win for a team that really needed one. Florida 41, Texas A&M 24.

We'll pause now to allow Aggie boosters to pass around the 50-gallon cowboy hat in hopes they can buy out Jimbo Fisher.

Texas A&M needed a victory worse than the Gators, who hadn't won an SEC road game since the pandemic season of 2020. That's one reason why Billy Napier was on the sideline in College Station Saturday instead of Dan Mullen.

Napier's first season has hit turbulence lately. There were one-sided losses to LSU and Georgia. Brenton Cox Jr. was kicked off the team. Five-star prospect Cormani McClain committed to Miami.

Nobody expected an SEC East title this year, but fans were getting a little anxious. A "work in progress" is fine, but there needs to be actual progress for it to sell.

We saw some from the start Saturday with the offense. Anthony Richardson was back in Heisman mode.

"This is one of those days that is a pivotal day," Napier said of his QB project.

We've heard that before, only to watch AR's bad habits flare the next time out. We may see that again against South Carolina. But Saturday's tour de force reminded everyone why it's worth being extra patient with Richardson.

Speaking of which, how about Florida's defense?

It allowed a measly 106 yards, limited the Aggies to an average of 2.9 yards a play and stopped them on seven of eight third-down attempts.

Sure, those are just the second half stats. I'd give you A&M's first-half numbers, but they are too gargantuan to fit on anything smaller than a billboard.

What made it worse as the Aggies came in averaging an SEC-worst 22.9 points a game. Fisher's inability to develop an offense that could score against south Texas breeze is why those boosters might be scrambling to collect \$86 million for Fisher's golden parachute.

And the squad he put out there Saturday was worse than usual. Flu sidelined a half-dozen contributors, including quarterback Conner Weigman.

Next up: Locusts invade Jimbo's office.

But that's A&M's problem. Florida fans had enough to fret over in the first half.

It was so bad, the words "Patrick Toney" were trending on Twitter. Among the comments about UF's defensive coordinator:

"We couldn't stop A&M if we had 15 guys on defense. Patrick Toney is stealing paychecks."

"Leave it to Patrick Toney to be the only d coordinator in America that can make Jimbo Fisher and this offense look good."

"Patrick Toney I hate you."

Maybe Elon Musk needs to rethink censoring some tweeters. That last guy should at least send Toney an early Valentine's Day card after the second-half resurrection.

"Ultimately, when adversity is presented to you, it gives you an opportunity to prove what you're made of," Napier said.

Adversity came when Adam Mihalek missed a 28-yard field goal at the start of the fourth quarter. Instead of falling behind by 13 points, the Aggies and Kyle Field began to stir.

A&M drove to Florida's 27-yard line, where Princely Umanmielen blindsided Haynes King and forced a fumble. The same thing happened on the Aggies' next possession, with Antwaun Powell-Ryland doing the fumble-producing honors.

Those heroics were needed because Florida's offense had stopped scoring. The Aggies got a final boost when UF couldn't punch it in on fourth down from the 2-yard line.

Given how UF's defense had played all season, fans had to expect A&M would drive down for a TD, recover an onside kick and score on a last-second pass to win the game.

Instead, the Gators didn't allow a first down.

"They got control of the line of scrimmage," Fisher said.

Now there's another set of words you probably didn't think you'd read this year. All this unexpected vocabulary doesn't mean Florida suddenly has a good defense.

It does mean that we shouldn't be so quick to jump to grand conclusions with Napier, Richardson, Toney, etc., etc., etc.

There are enough signs of progress to think UF can win its final three games. An 8-4 finish and a bowl trip might even please the worst Twitter critics.

When Florida's defense saves the day, anything is possible.

## Umanmielen, Powell-Ryland pace strong defensive day for Gators

By: Jacob Rudner

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COLLEGE STATION, Tex. — The shock of the news that starting outside linebacker Brenton Cox had been dismissed from Florida's roster with just four contests left on its schedule hadn't even stopped reverberating through the Gators' football facility when Princely Umanmielen was asked about its impact.

The sophomore defensive end took a moment to gather his thoughts, considering how best to address the forced departure of a teammate of nearly three years.

He took a deep breath and proceeded.

"Brenton was a really good player," Umanmielen said in Gainesville on Wednesday evening. "But I just feel like there was a lot of talent under him that's going to be put on display because the guys behind him aren't that far behind him."

Without Cox no longer in the fold, the Gators were forced to rely on players who took part in a rep share while spelling the former starter for the first two-thirds of their season: sophomores Antwaun Powell-Ryland and Lloyd Summerall. Umanmielen was tabbed to help, too.

And in their first taste of an increased role, the trio shined, picking up as many sacks collectively in a 41-24 win at Texas A&M on Saturday as Cox had in eight games this season while forcing two fumbles, recovering one and recording nine tackles, including four for a loss.

It was the most potent day of the year off the edges of Florida's defensive line, an area that had been inconsistent through the previous eight games.

"Sometimes you don't know until that opportunity's presented to you," Florida head coach Billy Napier said after his team's win in College Station.

Despite their relative inexperience, Powell-Ryland and Umanmielen were extremely effective from opposite ends of Florida's defensive front against the Aggies.

Umanmielen offered explosive pass rush and was largely effective against the run, finishing the game with three total tackles, two tackles for loss, a sack and a forced fumble.

The turnover he managed to generate came at a crucial point in the game, too.

Texas A&M was driving and after nine plays, it reached Florida's 27-yard line, threatening to narrow a 10-point deficit to at least seven points, if not three. But as quick as the Aggies gained some offensive momentum, Umanmielen stripped it from them, flying into the backfield and laying a massive blindside hit on quarterback Haynes King, who couldn't maintain possession.

Summerall was there to recover and the Gator offense, which had already scored 34 points, took over.

It was a key play in an excellent Florida win by a player who made just the second start of his career despite being in his fourth year at the college level.

"I've been joking with him all week," Napier said of Umanmielen, who is from Texas. "You know, I said, 'Hey, going back to the home state, they slept on you coming out. You know, you've got a chance to prove yourself.' Princely's another one of those guys with minimal experience to some degree before this year that

really is starting to develop nicely as a player. We've played him more in the third down packages here as of late, and he's been productive."

Powell-Ryland was similarly effective, though he was slightly more involved as a tackler, recording six in the contest, including two for a loss.

The sophomore who had just 14 appearances under his belt in his first two years at Florida also ended an Aggies drive with a strip-sack, stealing the ball from King just one drive after Umanmielen did. It was his second forced fumble of the season.

"Antwaun's a good football player," Napier said. "He's been productive when given opportunities in the past. Sometimes you don't know until that opportunity is presented to you. One thing I know about AP is it means something to him to do his job for the other players. Great to see him step up and do big things that impacted the game today."

Playing with a sense of selflessness was seemingly a point of emphasis for the Gators in the wake of Cox dismissal. On Wednesday, midseason All-American right guard O'Cyrus Torrence said Florida's players had to be "in this thing together" and eliminate behavior that does not contribute to the Gators' collective efforts.

And on Saturday, Florida played with the cohesion Napier had been searching for.

"I think that this game of football we spend countless hours on scheme, countless hours training, lifting weights, running, working on fundamentals, working on situational football," Napier said, "but there's a human element to this game and that's a battle that we've been living with this group of players and I really can't complement the leadership on our staff and the leadership amongst our players enough relative to, the character right, the accountability, the brotherhood, playing the game with a special team dynamic, a certain morale, just out of respect for the game and the way it should be played, and I think we saw some of that today."

It was especially apparent on the defensive side of the ball in the second half when the Gators managed to shut out the Aggies and limit them to just 106 total yards while forcing two turnovers.

Florida senior linebacker Ventrell Miller, who has been described by coaches and teammates as the heartbeat of the Gators' defensive efforts, said keeping Texas A&M off the scoreboard in the second half was a priority after Florida allowed it to score 24 points on 307 total yards before the intermission.

"I think it just had to do with the halftime speech from some of the coaches and players," Miller said of the Gators' second half success. "We know we started off flat-footed, just taking ownership of that, and like I said, we just got the boys motivated second half and everybody came out and did their job, and we showed them how the Florida Gators defense can play."

It was a sign of significant progress for a defense that entered play on Saturday ranked at or near the bottom in nearly every meaningful statistic, including third downs, an area that has drawn the ire of Florida faithful.

"I don't think it's about the play call," Napier said. "I don't think it's about the fundamentals. I think it's about what's going on between the ears, I think it's about the relationships in the room, I think it's about being committed to the people around you and playing the game with those intentions."

As Napier starts the process of molding Florida's team chemistry in the mold he set out for it, the group has improved. Umanmielen and Powell-Ryland, among others, were proof.

"It's good to see players lead and I think that's part of a team that we are developing," Napier said. "We took a step in the right direction in that regard today."



## **LB Amari Burney Setting a 'Big Picture' Example for Billy Napier's Gators**

By: Brandon Carroll

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While identifying talent for the future — both currently on the roster and in the prep ranks — is imperative at this stage for the Florida Gators, the staff is also focused on instilling a certain style of operation and similar mindsets for players into the mix.

Running back Montrell Johnson and offensive lineman O'Cyrus Torrence have seen what having the right pieces that operate a certain way can do for success on a Billy Napier-coached team during their time at Louisiana-Lafayette. Their ability to set examples for the new culture is a major reason Napier brought the duo over to anchor vital spots in Florida's offense and the locker room.

However, there is a search for more from the personnel group Napier took over.

One of the players Napier inherited that he's credited as a player to emulate moving forward in the team's rebuilding efforts is linebacker Amari Burney, who has started every game for the Gators this season.

"Amari is one of the best players that we have, big picture-wise, relative to his attitude, his energy every day, the consistency in which he shows up and works," Napier said on Monday. "Nothing but respect for Amari in his overall approach."

Burney has turned in multiple big performances as a fifth-year senior in 2022, with his best overall outing coming against Georgia on Saturday.

He accounted for seven tackles and forced two third-quarter turnovers — with a forced fumble on the first defensive drive of the second half and an interception on the second.

His impact in that part of the contest led to Florida's 17 unanswered points in the third quarter, clawing back within one possession of the No. 1 Bulldogs at a score of 28-20. That resiliency, which Napier coined as a potential "turning point," is an embodiment of Burney's career with the Gators as someone who's experienced considerable ups and downs throughout his time in Gainesville.

He started his career in orange and blue by being jerked around the defensive backfield with time training at STAR and safety before eventually settling in as an off-ball linebacker. That time away from the position he would ultimately man stunted his growth as a defender early on, and has left some lasting effects on Burney's development at the collegiate level.

But, this season, Burney has not-so-quietly had his best year with the Gators. He's rated as one of the team's best pass rushers and has multiple game-changing plays on his resume to either win Florida the game or put them in a position to contend in the matchup.

Burney's teammates take notice of his consistency and resiliency despite the adversity he has and continues to face.

On Saturday, that moment of adversity came when Dawgs tight end Brock Bowers scored from 73 yards out in the first half despite Burney's tight coverage of the All-American caliber talent. Burney got a hand on Stetson Bennett's pass down the left boundary, but instead of knocking it away, the ball ricocheted off his helmet before being bobbled and secured by Bowers to extend the Georgia lead to 21-0.

He bounced back in the third quarter to catalyze the Florida comeback attempt.

"The kid's resilient," the sophomore defensive lineman Tyreek Sapp said about Burney during his postgame media availability on Saturday. "He has a one-track mind and he has a one-play mind. That play was over, it's time to play the next play and it's time to win this game, at least attempt to win this game, and keep on pushing forward. Because, you know, the harder you play, the more resilient you are."

"The more we come together [on] defense, the better chance we have at winning games like this."

While they didn't win, the bleak reality that a 28-3 halftime score provided Florida did not deter Burney from producing at a high level in the second half, showcasing himself as a key piece for the defense.

"This is a guy that has the respect of his peers," Napier said. "He's a smart player. He's a really good communicator, and he's really a versatile player. He's been very productive for us."

Fellow starting linebacker Ventrell Miller, who is in his sixth season with the Gators and considered the leader of the defense, also speaks highly of Burney. Not only does his play pop off the film, but Miller credits Burney for his understanding of the new scheme that they've had equal time to learn.

Miller said that helps him when he's on the field.

"He knows the system in and out," Miller said on Oct. 5. "Even he helps me sometimes."

While he may not be with the squad in 2023 due to his expiring eligibility, Burney will be an example for others to emulate as it pertains to the type of players Napier and Co. look to line the roster within their rebuilding efforts over the next few seasons.

## **Katie Turner details Florida's evaluation process, recruiting strategy**

By: Zach Abolverdi

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From a recruiting standpoint, Florida football staff members just completed two of their most important weeks during the 2022 season.

On the heels of a couple four-star commitments, the LSU game served as the Gators' big recruiting weekend and their first round of official visitors this fall.

That led into the bye week, UF's only open date during the season. It was an opportunity for the staff to reassess its recruiting board, hit the road for high school games and conduct in-person evaluations.

How do the Florida coaches determine their top targets? Which staff members watch a prospect's tape before it reaches Billy Napier's desk? And after the evaluation process, what does the recruitment of a player entail?

Katie Turner, Florida's assistant athletic director of recruiting strategy, recently appeared on Napier's radio show and detailed the program's recruiting operations.

How UF's evaluation process works

Florida's recruitment of any player starts in the film room. Before Napier evaluates a prospect himself and extends an offer, his army does in the initial scouting.

"It actually all starts with our personnel department," Turner said. "We have a personnel department that is really similar to an NFL Scouting department. Jacob LaFrance is our director of player personnel, and he has a full team underneath him. We have such an amazing staff that deserve a lot more shoutouts, so I'm just going to say all their names. So, Joe Hamilton (personnel analyst – defense), Nick McDonald (personnel analyst- offense), Lamar Sorey (quality control – personnel), Ross Bares (player personnel assistant), Bird Sherrill (director of college personnel) and Chase Clark (assistant for college personnel).

"They will go through and look at every high school recruit's film. We start with a four-hour radius. So, we start in Gainesville and we work our way out four hours. And they comb through every single high school player. Anyone that's on a roster, anyone that has film, they're combing through it. Now, those guys were brought from UL with Coach Napier, so it was a very easy transition. They know his standard, they know what type of player they're looking for, the quality of player. So, they start with that four-hour radius and then they work their way out."

Outside of the four-hour radius, Turner said UF's personnel staff focuses on five core states before evaluating prospects nationally.

"Florida is, of course. Gotta recruit Florida. That's one of the core five states," Turner said. "And then we have Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina and those are our five core states. And so, once they go from Florida, they do the other core states and then they go through all the film nationally. So that's when you're looking just at the best players in the whole entire country. Of course, you're in Louisiana, Texas, California, so on and so forth. They do all of that."

All but one of Florida's 21 commits come from the five core states, with New Jersey four-star defensive lineman Will Norman being the exception. UF's top-10 class has an average distance to Gainesville of 178.9 miles —the shortest distance of any Gators class dating back to the Steve Spurrier era — with 16 recruits from the Sunshine State.

After Florida's personnel staff gives the green light on a prospect, his film is then evaluated by three more coaches before Napier.

"If our personnel department doesn't believe a player fits the standard, then it won't even make it to a coach," Turner said. "But any players that they're like, 'Yep, this guy would have an impact or this guy could make it here and he'd be what we're looking for', when that happens it then goes to the area coach and the area coach evaluates them. They have all these different criteria that they're ranking them on.

"After the area coach, then it goes to the position coach. Then from the position coach, it goes to the coordinator and then from the coordinator it finally gets to the head coach. So, it's a very, very in-depth process. There are a lot of people that put their eyes on them and evaluate them."

Katie Turner talks recruiting strategy

Once prospects have been targeted and/or offered by the staff, the next step is getting them to Gainesville. From there, the coaches turn it over to Turner, who oversees the whole on-campus recruiting operation.

"By the time we do really get them on campus, we have a really good feel of what type of player they are, how they would make an impact in our defense or offense," Turner said. "When everyone kind of decides that a player would make a huge impact for us, then the position coach and the area coach kind of work in tandem with them. And they say, 'OK, let's try to get this kid on campus.' Then that's when they come to me and my team.

"I have an incredible team. Bri Wade is our director of recruiting operations and special events and then Sierra Griffin is our on-campus recruiting coordinator. And then we go through our whole gamut of, OK, what do we have to do? Is this first visit? Is this second visit? What did he see the first time? What hasn't he seen? What's important to him? So, every single on-campus visit is tailored to that specific prospect's wants and needs."

Turner said she and her team also work hand in hand with Florida's creative media department. They hold weekly meetings every Wednesday to discuss their social media strategy and create new graphics and videos for recruits.

"Our creative team is amazing," Turner said. "We have Doug Domingue (senior director of recruiting innovation), Tamsyn Stonebarger (associate director of digital strategy, Jordan Herald (director of creative media) Drew Mathis (assistant director of creative media and recruiting), Scott Hoffman (assistant director of creative video) and Randy Mickens (associate director of creative video for recruiting). They make up the whole creative department.

"So, if you guys follow us on social media and you're like, 'These videos have been so great lately,' or you've seen the hype videos from the official visits and our graphics that recruits tweet out, that's a whole new staff that we really beefed up this past season and they've been doing a great job. We work hand in hand with them because a lot of their work ties into recruiting as well."



## **Ventrell Miller has come a long way on his 'crazy journey' at Florida**

By: David Whitley  
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Ventrell Miller has a motto. It often guides him toward collisions with other human beings.

This weekend, he will take a softer approach.

It's a bye week for Florida, and the team's best player plans to be in the Fort Myers area. As calamitous as UF's defense has been this season, Miller knows a real disaster when he sees one.

"My motto is "Dirty Hard Work." I put this term to use daily on the field, but now it's time to apply it to a real-life situation."

So reads this introduction on the GoFundMe page Miller set up to raise money for victims of Hurricane Ian. It's raised about \$9,000 as of Wednesday. Miller was hoping for more, but he'll gladly take what's there and distribute it to people in and around Lee County.

If that's how Miller chooses to spend his one Saturday off this fall, no one in Gainesville is surprised.

"Ventrell is what being a University of Florida football player is all about," Billy Napier said.

Those are words almost nobody expected they'd hear from a Florida coach shortly after Miller arrived on campus. He and eight other players used stolen credit card numbers to go on personal spending sprees.

The players were suspended the entire 2017 season. Some transferred or just fell by the wayside. Miller decided to stick it out.

"It matured him," said his brother Antonio. "He didn't even know if he would make it back to the team. It was all so real, so fast."

Antonio is the one who came up with the hurricane relief idea. A lot of players have capitalized on their fame with NIL, and many have used that platform for charitable purposes. Ventrell wasn't sure his name was big enough to generate much attention.

"He's a humble guy," Antonio said. "He doesn't think about it in that light."

Ventrell Miller's Millerville Foundation seeks to do good  
They set up a nonprofit and named it Millerville Foundation Inc. Considering their football fame, Millerville would have been a fitting name for Lakeland when the brothers were coming up.

They shared the hard-working gene. Antonio was two years older, but never filled out quite like his younger brother. He walked on as a long snapper at FAMU and turned himself into an All-MEAC linebacker.

Ventrell? There was always something a little different about him.

"When it came to football," Antonio said, "he always had malicious intent."

As a Pee Wee League running back, Ventrell wanted to destroy tacklers. As a college linebacker, he's a ball-seeking missile.

He dug himself out of the credit scam doghouse, made the SEC All-Academic Honor Roll and returned an interception 82 yards for touchdown as a redshirt freshman. He entrenched himself as a starter the next season.

The Gators found out how valuable Miller is last year. He tore a biceps tendon in Week 2 and missed the rest of the season.

The overall defense hasn't been much better this year, ranking No. 106 out of 131 FBS teams in total defense. It might be No. 131 without Miller. A foot injury has required a lot of rehab and grimacing, but Miller still might win the Comeback Player of the Year award.

Billy Napier calls Ventrell Miller 'inspirational'

"The guy's inspirational relative to his example, his consistency as a person, his leadership, his presence," Napier said.

Again, how odd that would have sounded in 2017. Though a little more context might help explain the transformation. Ventrell is the second oldest of five boys, raised by a single mother.

"I guess you could say it wasn't your typical American Dream you see on TV," Antonio said.

Their grandparents helped out as much as possible, but Millerville would never be mistaken for Park Avenue. Against that backdrop, you can see how a kid leaving home for the first time might be enticed by easy money.

That doesn't excuse thievery. Miller deserved the punishment he got. But he also deserved understanding and a chance to make things right.

"Definitely a crazy journey," he said. "I think it definitely made me the person I am today."

The journey will take a detour to Southwest Florida this weekend. The Gators' defensive woes turn trivial compared to the catastrophe down there. Beyond the financial aid Miller will bring, maybe the hurricane victims can take something from the words he lives by.

Life can turn into a mess. But you can dig out if you put in enough dirty hard work.

## **Three Gators, Three Stories That Make Disability Awareness Month Personal for Them**

By: Scott Carter  
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They have different backgrounds and play different sports. But each has unique experiences that make this month — October is Disability Awareness Month — personal.

Gators football player Desmond Watson has a younger brother with cerebral palsy. During her freshman year at UF, soccer player Fran Faraci was diagnosed with ADHD and a reading comprehension disorder. Women's basketball assistant coach Julian Assibey, a native of Ghana in West Africa, discovered he had dyslexia as an adult.

The trio has pushed past limitations and boundaries to find success, a message that Kelley Catenacci and Chelsea Iobst of the Otis Hawkins Center for Academic and Personal Excellence strive to teach in their daily interactions with UF student-athletes.

Catenacci is director of learning services at the Hawkins Center, and Iobst is an assistant director. They have spent October raising awareness on campus and social media that people with learning disabilities can overcome them with the appropriate resources and proper outlook.

"It promotes conversation about a topic that has a little bit of a stigma to it," Catenacci said. "Oftentimes, those types of disabilities tend to be more invisible. So, if we are able to educate people and have a conversation about how it might impact people, I think we can create a space that is a little bit more welcoming and inclusive for people, whether it's at a college campus, in an office building or the larger society."

The Hawkins Center has displayed signs and held various events to raise awareness among UF's student-athletes. On Tuesday, a conversation titled "Disability and Student-Athletes" was scheduled. The panel featured UF's Disability Resource Center representatives, the College of Education and the Hawkins Center Learning Services.

"We spend a lot of time with students trying to help them identify with their disability because it really brings so much weight off of them," Iobst said. "To hear it and to see it gives them a sense of relief."

When it comes to the types of disabilities that Catenacci and Iobst often help students overcome, one hurdle rises higher than the rest.

"The biggest stigma, I think, for people who have learning disabilities is that they're not smart or that they're not capable of doing something," Catenacci said. "It's not who you are. It's what you have."

The list of factors contributing to difficulty learning before a diagnosis is long: teaching style, class structure, physical environment and distractions.

UF football player Chief Borders has watched friends, family members and teammates struggle with academics until diagnosed with a learning disability. He is an active supporter of the cause because he has witnessed success stories.

"Some people don't get it the first time," Borders said. "That's perfectly OK. I just feel when people are there to help, it just makes everything a lot easier. It makes you feel like you're not alone."

The playbook for success in teaching those with disabilities starts with awareness. Once there is a diagnosis, a plan of attack can be created, leading to life changes.

Assibey can relate.

"One of the things I really love about this awareness month is that it talks about all kinds of disabilities," Assibey said. "It allows you to feel normal, and what is normal, knowing that people are in the fight with you."

To help raise awareness, Watson, Faraci and Assibey shared their personal stories and why they want to serve as advocates of Disability Awareness Month:

#### DESMOND WATSON

A promising player on Florida's defensive line, Watson has garnered attention this season for cracking the regular rotation and earning his first career start.

Watson wears No. 21, an unusual number for a defensive tackle. But there's a story behind why he gave up the No. 99 he used to wear.

"He wore 21," Watson said. "He comes to most of my games. Whenever he sees me in uniform with No. 21 on, he lights up a lot. He really, really likes that."

According to Watson, his younger brother, Dyson McNeal, suffered a devastating stroke and subsequent brain damage when Dyson was only 5 years old. Dyson was already showing signs of being the best player in the family. That's saying something since their older brother, Darrian McNeal, starred at quarterback for Armwood High near Tampa and is a former receiver at Oregon.

"It happened out of nowhere," Watson said. "My older brother had just went to college. My mom was getting ready to go to his first spring game, actually, and she had to come back from the airport. [Dyson] was in the hospital for months."

Watson was in eighth grade at the time. Meanwhile, Dyson made it home from the hospital but was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, which has left him physically impaired. Watson discovered in an instant how life could change.

"There's a lot of stuff we're still getting used to," he said. "It was definitely rough when it happened, but I feel like we adjusted pretty well. He's still happy. He can't walk, he can't talk and stuff like that, but he can communicate with us through facial expressions and body language."

Dyson is now 11 and remains an inspiration to his big brother, who has learned about disabilities you can see, such as his Dyson's, and those you cannot.

"I feel like his situation really helped me understand other people's disabilities," Watson said. "I feel like many people may look at how he looks, I guess you could say, with him having cerebral palsy. He can't really function his limbs or talk. People might look at him and think that he can't understand or has a learning disability, but he can read a room. He knows what people are saying. He still has the same attitude he had before. He is smart. He jokes around a lot in his own way. He can communicate with us. We know what he is trying to say."



## **Florida football: Louisiana HS stars Montrell Johnson, Trevor Etienne spark UF's run game**

By: Kevin Brockway

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The Florida football run game has been fueled by a pair of Louisiana running backs from different backgrounds who took different paths to join first-year coach Billy Napier's program.

Sophomore Montrell Johnson Jr. (46 carries, 368 yards, 5 TDs) and freshman Trevor Etienne (45 carries, 306 yards, 2 TDs) will look to continue their success against home-state powerhouse LSU on Saturday at The Swamp (7 p.m., ESPN).

Johnson, from New Orleans, and Etienne, from Jennings, La., are two of six players from The Pelican State on UF's roster. Two of those, Johnson and preseason All-American guard O'Cyrus Torrence, transferred to UF from Louisiana, where Napier coached for four seasons before being hired by UF.

"We reaped the benefits of it at Louisiana," Napier said. "And certainly, I think that we've got a handful of Louisiana kids on our team that are going to be excited about it. Any player that's from the state that we're competing against is always excited about playing in front of their home team.

"When you talk about per capita, when you talk about player production in the state of Louisiana, it's as good as there is in the country. About 100 Division I players a year, and certainly we had our fair share of them at the previous stop."

Johnson goes from Sun Belt to the SEC

Johnson came out of De La Salle High in New Orleans, a high-powered program that has produced a handful of NFL players and competes in the city's competitive Catholic league. He was the 48th ranked running back in the Class of 2020 and had offers from Tennessee, Virginia and Arizona, but not LSU. Rather than leave his home state for a Power Five program, Johnson spent his freshman year at Louisiana with Napier, where he earned Sun Belt freshman of the year honors with 838 yards and 12 rushing TDs.

The 5-foot-11, 218-pound Johnson then followed Napier to Florida, where his running ability has translated to the SEC level. His 8.0 yards per carry ranks second in the SEC among running backs, behind only Alabama standout Jahmyr Gibbs. Johnson has shown an ability to get tough yards inside the tackles in the red zone and spring some big runs. Four of Johnson's carries this season have gone for 30 yards or more, including a 62-yard TD run against USF.

Against Missouri last week, Johnson rushed 8 times for 86 yards, which included runs of 41 and 36 yards.

"We were just taking what the defense was giving us throughout the whole, entire game," Johnson said. "I think that the defense got worn out toward the second half and that's why everything started to pop as it did."

Etienne all about football and family

Etienne hails from Jennings, a small town (pop. 10,383) off Interstate 10 about 40 miles west of the Louisiana campus in Lafayette. As a junior, Etienne helped lead Jennings High to a state runner-up finish, boosting the pride of a city whose residents work in the oil fields and plants around town.

“It’s a blue collar, work hard town,” Jennings High coach Rusty Phelps said. “They are proud of this community, they’re proud of this football program, and they support these kids who you know go on to play at the next level.”

At Jennings High, Etienne was preceded by his older brother, Travis, who went on to star at Clemson before being picked by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft. The brothers, Phelps said, were close but competitive.

“That’s one of the things Travis instilled in him was, this is a job, you have to take this serious, and you have to work every day at it,” Phelps said.

The brothers spent summers together in the weight room. Trevor was a three-sport athlete who played point guard on the basketball team as a freshman and sophomore and then played baseball in the spring. Playing point guard helped Trevor with his field vision and cut back ability, along with playing in a veer option offense at Jennings.

“The style of offense that we run I think benefitted him and his brother when they got to the next level, and I think you know that’s just part of the vision,” Phelps said. “Because you know, it’s not always blocked great, and you have to kind ad lib a little bit and maybe cut back or cut out. I think that’s some of the vision he has developed over the years.”

The younger Etienne was recruited by LSU, but because of his older brother’s success at Clemson, his mind was open to leaving the state. He had developed a close relationship with Napier at Louisiana and Louisiana running backs coach Jabar Juluke. Clemson also recruited Trevor hard, but when Napier and Juluke both wound up at Florida, he chose to play for the Gators.

“The familiarity with those two men had a lot to do with the decision that was made for him to go to Florida,” Phelps said.

Etienne enrolled at UF early and gained the trust of the coaching staff during fall camp. As a true freshman, Etienne rushed for 64 yards on 5 carries in his debut against Utah, then wowed the crowd at The Swamp with a nifty, 11-yard TD run on a cut back against Kentucky. He’s coming off a season-high 83 yards on 10 carries against Missouri, which included a 39-yard run.

“He’s always been a sharp, mature kid,” Napier said. “I was impressed with the work he did in the spring semester before he got here. I thought he really worked hard, and he was well prepared upon arrival.

“You’re talking about a football family. You’re talking about a kid who is intelligent, he’s mature, he’s got character, and he’s continuing to get better. I thought we saw that Saturday.”

## 7=1? Gators Detail OL Growth; Richie Leonard, Austin Barber's Emergence

By: Zach Goodall  
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Five equals one, unless six or seven equals one.

While the equation may not indicate that Florida assistants Rob Sale and Darnell Stapleton majored in mathematical studies, the Gators' unique duo of offensive line coaches' formula is working in their approach to developing UF's trenches.

And, in football terms, the blueprint makes a lot of sense. Think of a chain being as strong as its weakest link — one quality offensive line is made of five quality contributors. But in Florida's case, that number extends to seven.

"We've got a saying in the O-line room, five equals one," interior lineman Richie Leonard IV said after Florida's win over Eastern Washington. "And our coaches preach to us, coach Sale and coach Stapleton, you know, if six equals one, six are going to play. If seven equals one, seven are going to play."

That's been the case through six games of the 2022 season. Leonard, a backup on UF's depth chart, has frequently cracked the lineup along Florida's interior offensive line, appearing in five games and tallying 89 snaps along the way, with over half of those reps coming in the Gators' FBS contests this season.

He's aligned at all three interior spots, left and right guard as well as center, and has graded out well in each performance. Leonard has yet to allow a quarterback pressure or sack, according to Pro Football Focus, and has improved his PFF run-blocking grade almost every week, beginning with a "below average" score of 53.8 against Utah and peaking with a "high quality" mark of 80.5 versus EWU.

Keep in mind, Florida's offense has only been credited for four sacks allowed this season, good for the second-best mark in the SEC, and ranks No. 4 in the conference for generating 213.7 rushing yards per game. Leonard's utilization hasn't been out of necessity, but rather because he's earned the opportunities.

"Just going through this camp and into this season so far," Leonard explained, "I think I've worked pretty hard, being able to be that sixth guy to step up."

His fellow linemen agree.

"Richie is a great asset for the team," starting offensive tackle Richard Gouraige said in September. "Having him rotate in [on] the offensive line has definitely helped us."

Leonard's emergence extended UF's formula from five to six equaling one. Another young lineman, redshirt freshman Austin Barber, has stepped up in a big way this season and added another tally to the left side of the equation.

Barber was tasked with replacing Michael Tarquin in Week 2 against Kentucky when the Gators' starting right tackle went down with a lower-body injury. Tarquin has yet to be cleared to return, resulting in Barber earning four starts and 287 snaps in total through six appearances.

He, too, has yet to allow a sack, but has given up eight pressures thus far per PFF. In fairness, three of those came in Barber's fill-in showing in Week 2, and four stemmed from the first road appearance of his

college career versus Tennessee. He's graded out as "above average" or better, with one "elite" mark of 90.1 vs. USF, as a run blocker in four of his six games as well.

"Coach Sale and coach Stape have turned me into a new player," Barber said last week.

"I've been a totally different player from high school to now. In high school I was kind of like a big guy, just taking people down. It was easy. But when I came here it was a reality moment, that I actually had to get better with my technique and fundamentals."

Both Leonard and Barber thoroughly credited Sale and Stapleton for placing an emphasis on improving their blocking techniques this offseason, proving beneficial as the duo has quickly taken on significant roles in the Gators' offense as a result of mechanical development.

Head coach Billy Napier offered a glimpse into the process of developing their technique and shared his pleasure in Leonard and Barber's growth, as well as the rest of the offensive line's progression with Sale and Stapleton supervising the unit.

"I think it's really a developmental position and one that requires a lot of synchronization," Napier said. "You know, great communication, there's a set of fundamentals that need to be taught there."

"We have two full-time coaches that are on the field, we're the only team in the country that has that. And we really have created a culture here where the offensive line has been and will continue to be a strength of our team."

In the event that an injury, or perhaps underwhelming play, the quality of depth on an offensive line can make or break an offense. Six games into Napier, Sale and Stapleton's tenures at Florida, Week 1 reserves have developed into capable contributors, strengthening the unit as a whole and lending credence to the idea that, in this sport, one does not always equal one.

In this case, seven and one are one and the same.

"Austin and Richie made leaps and bounds as players individually and [are] kind of fitting into the unit better," explained starting left guard Ethan White. "Just having them in practice and games and just being ready at all times helps."



## **Montrell Johnson hasn't skipped a beat in Gainesville**

By: Nick Marcinko

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Louisiana running back, Montrell Johnson, entered the transfer portal on January 5th of 2022. Eight days later, Johnson transferred to the Florida Gators. This was one of the more impactful additions of the offseason.

Johnson was just a true freshman in 2021, but that didn't stop Napier from giving him the football. Johnson ran the ball 162 times, totaling 838 rushing yards and a team high 12 touchdowns.

My preseason offensive MVP has not disappointed through six weeks of the 2022 season. Johnson has a team high 46 carries for 368 yards and five touchdowns, which ranks T-2 in the SEC. Johnson's eight yards per carry ranks 2nd in the SEC, trailing only Alabama's Jahmyr Gibbs.

Johnson's 5-11, 218-pound frame has been tough for opposing teams to bring down this season. Johnson averages 3.57 yards after contact, which is good enough for 7th in the SEC amongst RBs. Johnson's broken tackle rate is 39.96%, ranking 6th in the league. Johnson has impressive elusiveness for someone his size.

In 2021, Johnson logged a top speed of 21.5 mph in the open field. Johnson has frequently shown us that he's not just a power back or a redzone threat.

His big run rate (run of 20+ yards) of 8.7% ranks 1st in the SEC. He also ranks 1st in explosive play percentage rate amongst SEC RBs.

The Gators' offensive line is making the game way easier for Johnson and the rest of the running back unit. Johnson averages 4.46 yards before contact, which is the highest number amongst SEC RBs. The Gators' OL has been one of the best in college football through six weeks, creating huge rushing lanes for their RBs.

Johnson's explosiveness, vision, and speed has allowed him to take advantage of great offensive line play.

Alabama running backs, Jahmyr Gibbs and Jase McClellan rank 2nd and 3rd in yards before contact. Trevor Etienne ranks 6th in this category.

Johnson isn't the only back in the Gators room that's at the top of the SEC in multiple categories. Gators' rookie running back Trevor Etienne averages 6.8 yards per carry which ranks 3rd in the SEC. His broken tackle rate of 44.44% ranks 3rd in the SEC. He ranks 5th in the league in YAC, with an average of 3.78 yards.

The advanced stats suggest that Florida's offensive line and running backs are around the same level of Alabama's in certain categories; that speaks volumes.

The Louisiana transfer has been a bright spot for the Florida Gators through six weeks. Johnson is only a sophomore; he's got two more years of eligibility left.

It's hard not to get excited about the future of the Gators' running back room with Johnson and Etienne leading the pack. It's early in both of their young careers, but they both have what it takes to play on Sunday's.

Most of the statistics used in this article were found at [Secstatcat.com](https://www.seccat.com).

## **'That truly hits my heart': Ventrell Miller mentorship key in Jaydon Hill recovery**

By: Jacob Rudner

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Ventrell Miller's eyes occasionally wandered to the front of the room, checking on a teammate he had long taken under his wing, sophomore cornerback Jaydon Hill.

After a career performance in Florida's 24-17 homecoming win over Missouri on Saturday, Hill was summoned to address a room full of media members, a momentum many thought was a long-time coming after he emerged as a standout player very early on in his career but had his promising trajectory stunted by two knee injuries that required surgery over roughly a year-and-a-half.

Miller, who also spoke to media members on Saturday afternoon, beamed with pride as Hill had his moment.

"It feels great to see Hill make some big time plays," Miller said. "He's been working extremely hard throughout recovery. I've been working with him through recovery, so I'm extremely happy for him and I'm glad he got to make a couple plays like that.

"Happy to see him smiling on the podium so it's a great feeling."

While they don't play the same positions, Hill said he has learned as much from Miller as he has anyone, a mentorship born from commonalities between the two players' career paths and personal troubles.

Both have missed significant time due to injuries, Hill a torn ACL two weeks into Florida's 2021 fall camp that forced him to miss the entire season and Miller a torn bicep early on in the 2021 campaign that put him on the shelf for the year.

Both have dealt with legal issues that forced them to rapidly mature. A former three-star prospect out of Kathleen High School in Lakeland, Miller joined the Gators in 2017 but spent the entire season away from the team as he served a suspension for his role in a felony fraud scandal while Hill reached a deferred prosecution agreement last year over three third-degree felony theft charges, stemming from the use of a debit card stolen from a vehicle to pay off hefty University of Florida parking-ticket debts.

Their struggles have bonded them.

"Ventrell, to this day, he keeps me going every day," Hill said Wednesday. "That's someone that truly hits my heart."

Without Miller, Hill said his performance against the Tigers wouldn't have been possible. The sophomore cornerback recorded his first and second-career interceptions, including a first-quarter pick-six that ultimately proved critical in his team's one-score win. Hill's second interception came in the red zone with Missouri threatening to score.

"Ventrell himself, he always on me, he never really let me be down," Hill said. "Like, it didn't matter, it didn't matter."

It was a long road to that success.

A former four-star prospect out of Bob Jones High School in Madison, Alabama, Hill joined Florida's roster in 2019 after missing his entire senior year at the prep level due to a torn ACL.

But a lengthy absence from the field and lack of experience that was far greater than most his age seemed to immediately pale in comparison to his talent as he emerged as a viable reserve option in his first season at the college level and went on to appear in 10 games.

A year later, in 2020, Hill made five starts in 12 appearances and finished the season with 14 total tackles and seven passes defended, which ranked second on the team behind only 2022 first-round selection Kaiir Elam.

It catapulted the young corner into a position to compete for a full-time starting job opposite Elam in 2021, something that never materialized as he tore his ACL two weeks into Florida's fall camp and missed the entire campaign while his legal troubles persisted.

Hill described it as one of the most trying periods of his life.

"I'm just blessed to still be playing," he said. "Honestly, I wasn't even supposed to play this year.

It's what made Saturday's outing that much more rewarding for him.

"Words can't even describe the feeling honestly," Hill said. "Just grateful for being here, you know? Being able to play."

While Hill's performance was certainly momentous in terms of it marking the end of a lengthy battle with two serious knee injuries, his showing was hardly a surprise to his head coach and teammates, who saw flashes of his capabilities in the spring in the windows when he was healthy enough to participate.

"He's got passion about the game," head coach Billy Napier said. "I always felt like watching him in spring ball that he was one of the best players we have."

Added running back Montrell Johnson: "He was just winning all of his one-on-ones. That's how he stood out to me. Open-field tackling, he was great at that and I'm just glad to have him back on the field."

Hill said he'll never forget Saturday's game so long as he lives. It was a career performance for a player who struggled just to get on the field this season. Now, Hill is eager to continue to make sizable contributions without restriction.

"I was honestly supposed to wear a brace today," Hill said. "And before the game, it was just — like this was my last week wearing it, but before the game I was just telling myself like, 'I'm good.' I went through pregame and I was moving around and I was like, 'Man, I'm not wearing it.' Like, they came up and brought it to the sideline and I'm just like, 'I'm not wearing it,' you know? Honestly, it was just a lot of hard work, a lot of late nights, early mornings, a lot of tears. It was a grind."

## **Gators CB Jaydon Hill made a difference in win against Missouri. Some teammates 'got teary-eyed'**

By: G. Allan Taylor

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — When the trainer came through Florida's pregame locker room bearing a knee brace, Jaydon Hill brushed him away. New day, new feels, a new lease on leg. The cornerback, only three months removed from surgery on his lateral collateral ligament, was determined to shed the final reminder of his summertime injury.

"I just didn't need that brace," Hill said. "It wasn't serving a purpose. It was just a burden."

While most of us probably shouldn't quit that cycle of antibiotics or blow off physical therapy, Hill's self-diagnosis proved to be spot-on. The bare-kneed protagonist snagged the first two interceptions of his career, including a pick six, and Florida edged Missouri 24-17 to shed a burden of its own: a six-game SEC losing skid that stretched 364 days.

The Gators (4-2, 1-2) reached the midpoint of the regular season with five games decided in the final minutes. The weekly margin for error is so minuscule we aren't sure whether to agonize over the losses that got away or praise a deity for the wins.

"I think we've developed some togetherness," coach Billy Napier said. "There's some chemistry there. We have not executed our formula to win games at the rate in which we would desire. We're very much a work in progress, but I do believe in this group relative to the fight they show, the competitive spirit, the intangibles."

Napier called Hill "a difference-maker today" and called him in front of teammates for a postgame celebration that stands as a testament to arthroscopy. Hill tore his right ACL in high school and tore the left last season, making you wonder if his latest injury was bad luck or bad ligaments.

He returned to the lineup last week against Eastern Washington and played timidly. So imagine the surprise of Missouri quarterback Brady Cook when the apprehensive player he saw on film turned into a ballhawk.

When Cook fired a third-and-6 slant near midfield, Hill recognized the route combination as one he'd watched three times the previous night. The third-year sophomore broke on the ball and made the interception, seeing a path so clear that teammate Gervon Dexter was the only player with an angle to possibly catch him. After Hill reached the end zone, the entire defense caught up and swarmed him.

"Some of them got teary-eyed," he said, "and I'm like, 'Man, come on!'"

Hill last returned an interception for a touchdown in 2017, his junior season at Bob Jones High, against Gadsden City (Ala.). And for a chunk of Saturday, it looked like his might be the Gators' only touchdown.

If Florida's first-half offense had been a homecoming float, it would've featured flat tires, a wobbly chassis and shredded festoons. It netted 65 yards and averaged 1.9 per carry.



The fact Florida enjoyed a 10-0 lead was a product of Hill's takeaway and a scoring opportunity provided by Xzavier Henderson's 48-yard punt return. The offense gained all of 4 yards before bringing out the field-goal unit.

That cushion was erased in the final 3:55 of the half when Missouri finished off a 67-yard touchdown drive and forced Anthony Richardson into a fumble on the ensuing possession. Florida's offense — so promising against Tennessee and EWU — was lethargic and sputtering.

The late-arriving ground game finally surfaced on third-quarter runs of 41 yards by Montrell Johnson and 39 by Trevor Etienne. Richardson briefly limped into the medical tent but then limped back out and turned a fourth-and-2 pass play into a 32-yard scramble.

Johnson's 3-yard touchdown put Florida ahead 17-10, which set the scene for another Hill takeaway.

"The one pick six I got, it just didn't feel like it was enough," he said. "Honestly, I was like, 'Man, I've gotta get it again.' Just something where I felt like I was gonna touch the ball again."

That clairvoyance was rewarded after Mizzou drove into the red zone. Hill broke on another third-down slant, beating receiver Dominic Lovett to the spot.

It served as the perfect proving day for Hill, who rankled Missouri fans — and ignored some recent history — by proclaiming that last year's loss to the Tigers wasn't supposed to happen.

"Man, I know what we're supposed to do: We're supposed to beat Missouri, that's something we're supposed to do. What I say, I had to back it up. So I came out there and I did that."

Hill improved to 3-0 in games in which he actually appeared against Mizzou. He didn't travel to Columbia last season, staying on campus to rehab the second ACL tear. Based on how he dashed and sprinted and baited the Tigers this time around, we can only brace for what's next.

## **How GatorMade changed Justin Shorter's 'whole perspective on life'**

By: Zach Abolverdi

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Prior to this summer, Florida receiver Justin Shorter didn't have any stamps on his passport. Now he's trying to fill it up.

Shorter was one of 16 UF student-athletes who traveled to Greece in June for a 10-day service abroad trip with the GatorMade program.

The group of Gators volunteered with the non-profit organization "The Smile of the Child" before checking out the historical sites and local culture.

"I had my favorite life experience I've ever had. Just changed my whole perspective on life, really how I look at things," Shorter said Wednesday.

It was the first time leaving the country for Shorter, who has exploded in Florida's last two games with 230 receiving yards. After visiting Greece this summer, he wants to travel the world now.

Shorter explained how the service abroad trip with GatorMade created a life-changing experience for him.

"Really just seeing something else, seeing how other people live, someone else's culture for a change. That really opened my eyes up," he said. "I was kind of like, 'Whoa.' They call it wanderlust. Now I just want to travel everywhere now after doing that."

The group was led by senior director player relations and GatorMade Savannah Bailey. She educated the 10 Florida football players and six UF women student-athletes on the philosophy of servant leadership and planned a short trip to Santorini to give them a fun break from eight-hour workdays.

What was the highlight of the trip for Shorter?

"I would definitely say the last day," he said. "Miss Savannah sat at my table, too. We were at this beautiful restaurant where you could look over, the sun was setting, you could see an island out there, the water, the ships. It was just breathtaking. I'll never forget that."

### **GatorMade Week**

The Florida football team is celebrating its first GatorMade Week ahead of the homecoming game Saturday against Missouri. It's a new tradition to raise awareness and promote the initiatives of GatorMade, which was established earlier this year.

The program has four full-time staff members in Bailey, Vernell Brown Jr. (senior director of student-athlete development and alumni relations), Marcus Castro-Walker (Florida's director of player engagement) and Diane Lebon (football business manager and GatorMade coordinator).

Bailey was asked Wednesday what GatorMade has accomplished so far that she's most proud of.

"The fact that Justin Shorter gets up and says, 'Hey, I had the best life-changing experience I could ever want.' That's all that you want," Bailey said. "That makes my whole job, my whole stress, my whole everything worth it."

The GatorMade program, launched by Florida coach Billy Napier in January, is a holistic player-focused and purpose-driven initiative that develops football players during their time at UF and beyond.

"Miss Savannah, she does a great job," Shorter said. "I feel like that's definitely a program that's going to help a lot of boys become men in this program, which is I feel like a lot of us need."

## **Gators CB Jaydon Hill Looks Back On 'Long Journey' of Returning to Play**

By: Zach Goodall

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641 days separated Jaydon Hill's two most recent appearances in a Florida Gators uniform.

Prior to this past Sunday's matchup with the Eastern Washington Eagles, Hill had last stepped onto the gridiron for UF on December 30, 2020, playing a role in the Gators' brutal Cotton Bowl defeat to the Oklahoma Sooners that saw former head coach Dan Mullen's tenure begin to spiral downhill.

"It's been a long journey," Hill remarked on Wednesday.

He's right. Much changed in those 21 months.

On Florida's end, Mullen was dismissed from his position the next season, 11 games after the Cotton Bowl. Billy Napier was hired as the Gators' new head coach and placed an emphasis on player recovery and health, resulting in an expansive athletic training and physical therapy team as well as endless recovery resources within the program's new Heavener Football Training Center.

For Hill, he sat on the sidelines as Mullen's Gators struggled to 6-7, recovering from an ACL tear suffered in 2021's fall training camp. He was cleared to participate in spring camp earlier this year and quickly impressed the new coaching staff, specifically Napier.

"Jaydon has been very much a work in progress as he's kind of made his return to play. You know, he's done everything that he's been asked to do," Napier explained on Sept. 28. "Jaydon was one of the better players that we had on our team in spring practice in my opinion. I was very impressed with him as a player."

However, a summertime setback made Hill fear the worst.

At first, Hill thought he had torn an ACL again. He had every reason to believe it, freshly recovered from the same injury to his left knee and having dealt with the same wound to his right knee in high school. Fortunately for the Huntsville, Ala. native, that wasn't the case this time around.

"I had a little tweak in the summer and that's what set me back to now," Hill shared, revealing that the tweak required minor surgery. "I'm just getting back in a groove."

Hill did not partake in Florida's fall camp due to the latest knee hindrance, instead working daily with director of player athletic development Joe Danos and the Gators' training staff on gaining his strength back, as well as his confidence.

In the meantime, new Gators cornerbacks coach Corey Raymond — a "true guru," in Hill's opinion — had to identify suitors for Hill's projected starting role in his absence. Sophomores Jason Marshall Jr. and Avery Helm continued to fill in for Hill as the first-team tandem, while offseason transfer Jalen Kimber and true freshman Devin Moore were quickly thrust into action.

Kimber, in fact, has played through a broken hand to begin the season. He opted against surgery to preserve UF's cornerback depth with Hill out at the time, according to Napier, sacrificing a shorter recovery process from the injury.

"Those boys stepped up big time. You know, even now they're still playing great ball," Hill said. "I can't thank them boys enough for just keeping me up, keeping me going every day ... They push me every day to just keep getting better. You know, we push each other. We just hold each other to a high standard in that room."

It wasn't until Week 3 when Hill's status was first upgraded, from out for the first two weeks of the season to questionable against USF. While he warmed up with the team in full pads before kickoff, it wasn't time quite yet.

Hill was on the travel roster when Florida took on Tennessee in Week 4 and, almost 14 months removed from going down on the practice field, walked out with the starters against the Eagles in Week 5.

"Honestly, I remember taking the field. It felt unreal. I was just happy to be back out there," Hill recalled, before acknowledging he had some rust to shake off at the time.

"It's funny because the third play of the game, it was a third down. I gave it up. It was me. That was my welcome back. I was like, 'I gotta get right.' That was my point right there. I was like, 'let me stop playing.'"

Sure, Hill gave up a couple of completions against Eastern Washington, who would have expected otherwise considering his time away from the game? Still, the fourth-year redshirt sophomore collected four tackles in the contest and showed enough to remain on the first team entering UF's homecoming bout with Missouri.

Hill has proven in the past to be a productive member of Florida's secondary. He broke out as a redshirt freshman in 2020, starting five games and breaking up seven passes in 12 appearances. He was expected to take on a full-time starting role in 2021 before his injury.

The nature of his back-to-back wounds at one point made him wonder if he'd ever approach that status again.

"I used to question that all the time ... I felt so bad. I was like, 'why?' " Hill admitted. "Honestly, after a short time after I was like, 'I can do it.' I just really put my mind to it. 'I've been set back twice. It won't be much to it.' That was the mindset I had throughout. That's what kept me going."

His demeanor and work ethic made the journey, as painstaking as it may have been, worthwhile. Not only did Hill regain his gig as a starting member of Florida's secondary, but he also learned how to handle adversity and find "positivity within," something for which he is thankful.

"A lot of hard work, long late nights, a lot of tears. It's been a journey," Hill proclaimed. "The work I've put in has paid off and I can't complain. I'm just blessed. I'm still out here. I'm still going."



## **Billy Napier's 'scared money don't make money' approach nearly pays off for Florida**

By: David Whitley  
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Before he was even hired, Billy Napier won a lot of Gator hearts when he said, “Scared money don’t make money.”

He pushed all his chips onto the checkerboard table that was Neyland Stadium on Saturday. It didn’t work out, but the Gators should have reclaimed a lot of hearts and hope in the process.

Tennessee won 38-33 in a rollicking offensive extravaganza. It wasn’t over until Tennessee intercepted Anthony Richardson’s desperation heave toward the end zone on the final play.

That was about 50 plays later than when most thought the game would be decided.

“There were plenty of times we could have put our heads down and quit,” Richardson said. “But we kept fighting.”

The gambler on fourth down

If you have bought a UF “Scared money don’t make money” T-shirt, the slogan means you can’t be afraid to lose money in order to realize big returns later. Napier’s Let-‘er-Rip approach was worthy of the highest rollers in Las Vegas.

The Gators went for it six times on fourth downs and converted five of them. That allowed them to keep trading punches until the end with Hendon Hooker and the explosive Vols.

It also allowed Tennessee fans to release years of pent-up frustration in one afternoon. You know the particulars:

UT had lost 16 of the past 17. Josh Heupel has descended like a savior from the clouds. Saturday was supposed to mark a hinge point in the rivalry.

That’s why the Vols were 10½-point favorites. That’s why Tennessee designated it a “Checker Neyland” game, with fans wearing orange or white shirts to form a giant checkerboard.

That’s why ESPN’s “College GameDay” was in Knoxville with its pregame mob scene. Everybody on set picked the Vols, except for Kirk Herbstreit.

“There has been three hours of Tennessee love. All this talk about Tennessee,” he said. “I just picture Florida sitting in their hotel room getting mad.”

Then Lee Corso capped the festivities by putting on a big Smokey the hound dog head. Whether it was three hours of Tennessee love or a crafty game plan or both, the Gators played as if they felt like throwing their TVs out of their hotel windows.

The feistiness flowed. Napier even got a personal foul for protesting a call. Under that placid exterior is a gambler who doesn't like to be crossed.

You saw his aggressiveness on the first drive, when UF went for it on 4th-and-1 from its own 40. It didn't work, but the Scared Money tone had been set.

"It was required," Napier said. "I just believe in it."

Especially against a team like Tennessee. To paraphrase Steve Spurrier, you don't beat the Vols kicking field goals.

Passing game finally breaks through  
One fourth-down conversion led to a moment long in the making — a touchdown pass.

It had been 276 days since the last one. Let history record that at 4:29 p.m., the drought was broken with a Richardson 44-yard toss to Keon Zipperer.

Let history also record that Tennessee responded with a TD at about two minutes later. No Gator was within 15 yards of Bru McCoy when he caught a 70-yard pass.

"When we go back and watch the film, I think there are going to be 12-15 plays where Florida beat Florida," Napier said.

Most of them were on defense. Nobody expected UF to stifle Heupel's hurry-up attack. But the Gators never even forced a punt as UT rang up 576 yards of total offense.

That was 18 fewer than Florida had, which raises the question: Will the real Anthony Richardson please stand up?

His running ability seemed to vanish the past two games. That was partly due to defenses adjusting to him, and partly to UF wanting to keep him healthy.

Caution was not in the playbook Saturday. Richardson gained 62 yards on 17 carries. Those weren't eye-popping numbers, but running seems to relax Richardson.

He completed 22 of 44 passes for 453 yards. For the first time in almost a month, he looked like he was having fun.

"He flipped the switch and competed in the game," Napier said. "He showed who is today."

Which leads to another question: Did the Gators show who they were on Saturday?

On defense, you'd better hope not. But AR's resurgence alone should get Gator Nation out of its funk. So is the resiliency UF showed by taking so many haymakers from Hendon and not wilting.

Then there's the Scared Money attitude.

It didn't pay off Saturday, but you get the feeling the Gators will eventually start cashing in.

# Jalen Kimber Went the 'Long Haul.' It Made 'The Difference' for the Gators

By: Zach Goodall

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Jalen Kimber had a choice to make prior to his debut with the Gators just over three weeks ago: To postpone his first game with Florida and undergo surgery on his broken left hand, or put a cast on it and play through the injury while extending his recovery timetable.

His decision, ultimately, played a crucial part in the Gators squeaking out their 31-28 victory over the USF Bulls on Saturday night.

Kimber intercepted a Gerry Bohanon pass late in the second quarter and returned it for a touchdown that extended Florida's lead to two scores, 24-10. It proved monumental as the Gators only needed to score once in the second half to regain control — they were down by four points from 11:14 through 5:05 in the fourth quarter — and win the game.

"That's the difference in the game," Napier remarked on Saturday, acknowledging Kimber's pick-six and the Gators' three takeaways from the Bulls.

Kimber's choice was influenced by a similar situation that he faced at Georgia a year ago. The then-redshirt freshman suffered a shoulder injury in fall camp with the Bulldogs that required surgery after Week 1, sidelining him for the rest of the 2021 campaign, one in which he was expected to contribute to what became a National Championship-winning defense.

"Honestly I just wanted to keep playing, keep going out there fighting with my brothers," Kimber explained after the game. "I didn't want to get surgery and miss any more games, 'cause I already missed last season, so I just wanted to keep fighting with my brothers."

The Gators were aligned in Cover 3 when Bohanon dropped back at the 3:20 mark of the second quarter, with Kimber on an inside shade of the right outside receiver.

Bohanon immediately stared down the receiver's slant and pulled the trigger well after the route was broken into, which allowed Kimber to patiently observe the read before quickly crashing the top of the route and snatching the pass over the receiver's right shoulder. He made it to the endzone untouched otherwise.

"[Defensive coordinator Patrick Toney] really called the best call he could possibly call on that play," Kimber recalled. "I read it, got the ball and I just scored."

The pick-six was also noteworthy beyond its Week 3 implications. For one, it was Kimber's first career interception following a turbulent start to his college career.

It was also the first interception returned for a touchdown by a Florida defender in 39 games, last accomplished by nickel corner Chauncey Gardner-Johnson in the Gators' 41-15, 2018 Peach Bowl victory over the Michigan Wolverines, his final game with the program.

The streak likely wouldn't have been snapped if not for Kimber's dedication to his craft, as he began to practice catching passes the day after his cast went on. He didn't want the team to be left without a second key depth piece at the cornerback position.

"I think it's impressive. The kid got banged up [and] made a decision he was going to play through," Napier said on Monday. "Could have had a surgical procedure ... or he could just wear the cast, deal with the pain management."

"It really says a lot about the kid's character because he knew our situation with Jaydon Hill being out. So he was in the rotation, chose to go the long haul there, and for him to make a pick-six at a critical moment, I think was big."

Nickel cornerback Tre'Vez Johnson — who also recorded a pivotal interception against USF, in the fourth quarter to set up Florida's game-winning touchdown — expressed a similar sentiment to Napier's about his running mate in the Gators' secondary.

"That was another big play we needed, that game-changing play," Johnson said. "I know he's going through a little something with his hand, but for him to just keep playing instead of going through surgery on it and stuff and toughing it out, that was big for him. He had a big moment in the game, so I'm happy for him."

## **Desmond Watson has been a quite massive force inside for the Florida Gators defense. Here are three things to know.**

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Florida Gators sophomore defensive lineman Desmond Watson is hard to miss.

Listed at 6-foot-5 and a jaw-dropping 415 pounds, Watson's size has been a story in itself. But what really impresses people is Watson's ability to move around the way he does at his size.

After being on the bench his entire freshman campaign in 2021, Watson has started getting reps as a sophomore, first appearing in Florida's season opener against Utah, when he recorded a pair of tackles.

And despite a quiet performance against Kentucky in Week 2, Watson returned to action on Saturday night against the USF Bulls, recording three tackles through three and a half quarters.

Here's what you might be wondering about the big fella.

Where did Desmond Watson come from?

A native of Florida, Watson comes from the land of the strawberries, Plant City, Fla.

Prior to arriving in Gainesville, Watson played for Armwood, where he helped the Hawks go 12-2 and make a deep run in the Class 7A playoffs in 2019.

In that same year, Watson posted 65 tackles, 34 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and 10 sacks.

Who recruited Desmond Watson?

After his career at Armwood, Watson fielded offers from a handful of big programs.

Alabama, Florida State, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee were all among those that showed interest in the big-bodied defensive lineman.

On July 30, 2020, Watson committed to the Gators and there was no monkey business come signing day, when he signed his letter of intent to play at Florida.

Has Desmond Watson always been that big?

Nope.

Believe it or not, when Watson first arrived at Florida, he was bigger.

At the time of his enrollment, Watson weighed 440 pounds. He went on to drop around 40 pounds during his rookie campaign, but put on 15 more between his freshman and sophomore seasons.

The goal of the Gators is to get Watson down to 375 pounds.



## **Walk-on Adam Mihalek works his way into starting job as Florida Gators kicker**

By: Kevin Brockway

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Last season, Florida football walk-on kicker Adam Mihalek was best known as one of the members of the “juice squad” — a sideline quartet that kept players and fans energized with different stunts and routines while not appearing on the field.

But a new coaching staff presented a new opportunity for Mihalek, who won the starting kicking job based on his consistency in spring and fall camp. Mihalek made the first two career field goal attempts — from 39 and 50 yards — last week during UF’s 26-16 loss to Kentucky.

“Adam’s been impressive since the day we got here,” coach Billy Napier said. “He was able to take advantage of an opportunity in spring practice. He was able to get reps and he has earned it.”

The 50-yarder was the longest for a UF kicker since Evan McPherson, now kicking for the Cincinnati Bengals, drilled a 50-yarder against Georgia on Nov. 7, 2020.

“It felt amazing, putting in all the time, work and effort and hitting something like that in a game,” Mihalek said. “It’s pretty special.”

Adam Mihalek was a soccer player first

Mihalek’s path to UF began as a kicker at Wiregrass High School in Tampa. A high school soccer standout, Mihalek didn’t begin kicking until his junior year in high school. He caught the attention of college coaches with a strong showing at the Kornblue Kicking Academy, ranking second in the country.

Army and Navy both offered scholarships, but Mihalek instead opted to take a preferred walk-on spot at Florida, offered from former special teams analyst Shayne Graham.

“I always wanted to play at a big school,” Mihalek said. “I wanted to play in the SEC. The SEC is pretty awesome. I really love the Gators. We moved from New Jersey so I didn’t really know much but when I first got here, everyone was like, ‘OK, you either have to pick Florida or FSU,’ and I was like, ‘OK, then I’m going to go to Florida.’ ”

After not appearing on the field last season, Mihalek realized he had a clean slate when Napier was hired in December. He made a subtle change in kicking mechanics, going from a jab step to a two-step approach. He also focused on keeping his plant foot straighter.

The results first showed in UF’s spring game, when Mihalek made field goals from 52 and 48 yards.

“I focused more on perfect contact,” Mihalek said. “I remember when I first started kicking I would just like whale on the ball, which I mean, it’s not going to be accurate every time. So I learned every time if you hit the sweet spot perfectly every single time you don’t have to whale on it all the time.”

Still, Mihalek had to beat out a scholarship kicker, freshman Trey Smack, to earn the job in the fall.

“He wants to do his job for the team,” Napier said. “It means something to him. He’s got ability, and he’s got skill that he has worked hard to develop.”

For now, Mihalek is handling both kickoffs and field goals, but Napier said Smack could end up kicking the ball off as well.

“Trey is a really good kickoff guy, and he is getting healthy,” Napier said. “He was hitting some great balls out here today. So we’re blessed. I think we’ve got two really talented kickers.”

## **Gators Raving About Rookie RB Trevor Etienne: ‘This Is Going To Be Special’**

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The expectation entering Billy Napier's first campaign as Florida's head coach was that young and inexperienced players would earn plenty of playing time, in some cases learning their responsibilities on the fly due to the state of the UF roster Napier inherited.

Through two weeks, that theory has proven true, including a handful of true freshmen that have cracked the rotation and earned significant snaps against Utah and Kentucky.

One rookie contributor stands above the rest when it comes to production, however, and it's one that outsiders may not have foreseen standing out in 2022.

Although he walked into a position room consisting of three experienced running backs (albeit to varying degrees) as a summer enrollee, Trevor Etienne has quickly taken over an important role in UF's rushing committee and offense as a whole.

"When [Etienne] first got here for workouts over the summer, just watching him run and really seeing how he cuts and stuff like that," wide receiver Justin Shorter recalled on Monday, "I was like, 'Okay, this is going to be special.' "

The early returns suggest that Etienne could, indeed, be a special talent.

31 SEC running backs have posted at least ten rushing attempts through the first two weeks of the 2022 season (keep in mind that Vanderbilt has played three games). Etienne's 14 carries rank tied for 23rd among that group, as well as third within Florida's running back room and fourth in UF's backfield due to Anthony Richardson's 17 attempts.

Yet, according to Pro Football Focus, Etienne has been one of the conference's most productive and explosive backs despite his limited sample size.

Etienne's 110 rushing yards are good for 13th most in the SEC among the qualifying backs; he ranks third in breakaway percentage (65.5 percent), third in elusiveness rating (269.2), fourth in yards per attempt (7.9), fourth in yards after contact (4.79), eighth in missed tackles forced (nine) and eighth in rushes of 10+ yards (five).

Breakaway percentage is determined by dividing total yards gained on carries of 15+ yards by the back's total yardage output on the season — 72 of Etienne's 110 rushing yards coming from four attempts that ended in gains of 15+. Elusiveness rating measures the success and impact of a runner with the ball independent of the team's blocking and is a signature PFF stat.

Keep in mind that Florida is the only SEC team to have faced two AP Top 25 teams to begin this season. Etienne isn't putting up his big numbers against inferior competition.

"He's a home run threat," fellow running back Montrell Johnson proclaimed about Etienne on Sept. 5.

"I'm looking on film and I'm like, 'This man's good right here,' " left tackle Richard Gouraige added regarding Etienne on Monday. "I'm seeing it face to face, going crazy in the game. It's great to see young players buying into the system and then taking coaching. He's been doing great."

Etienne's looming breakout, however, was first noticed during Florida's fall camp. Etienne routinely impressed during running back individual drills during media viewing periods, seen breaking off on a few huge runs during team drills as media entered and exited the facility throughout August.

Even when reporters couldn't watch, there was a buzz of Etienne consistently making a strong impression in practice. Several teammates confirmed those rumors on numerous occasions.

"I love Trevor. In the scrimmages and practices when he breaks off a run, I tell people. 'That kid's gonna be great,' " quarterback Anthony Richardson said on Aug. 31. "I'm happy we've got him on our team."

Although redshirt junior Nay'Quan Wright, Johnson, redshirt freshman and transfer from Napier's previous school, and two-year Gator redshirt junior Lorenzo Lingard were viewed on the outside as the leaders of Florida's running back committee prior to the season, Etienne's role has quickly been elevated.

While Etienne ranks fourth on the team in rushing attempts, he's only five carries removed from Johnson, the leader of the group with 19. Lingard, who earned first-team reps during the spring before Etienne's arrival and while Wright recovered from a 2021 injury, has yet to earn a carry.

Napier indicated that Etienne's maturity, in addition to his skill-set, allowed him to quickly take the field in a Gators uniform.

"I think Trevor's a good young player," Napier said after UF's loss to Kentucky on Sept. 10. "I think Trevor's got great vision, great instincts. I think he's elusive, he can make people miss, he's low to the ground. He catches the ball well.

"He's out there playing as a rookie, but he's got the intelligence and maturity to do that. He's in the rotation. Did some good things tonight. I also think there's some areas he can improve. Excited about Trevor and his future. for sure."

Of course, as Napier suggested, Etienne is far from a finished product just two games into his college career and will have much to prove moving forward.

But his early production speaks for itself, and considering Napier's known utilization of freshmen running backs — look no further than Johnson's team-leading 162 carries at Louisiana in 2021 — Etienne is going to keep earning the opportunities to do so.

## **Gators Q&A: Defensive Lineman Justus Boone**

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The defensive line represented one of the big question marks for the Gators entering the season.

Those questions remain after two games, but there's no denying Florida's defensive front played better in the Week 2 loss to Kentucky than the Week 1 victory over Utah. The next question: how will the unit respond on Saturday night against USF.

One reason for optimism is redshirt freshman defensive end Justus Boone, a former basketball player from Sumter, S.C., who played in only two games as a freshman. Boone made one of Florida's most memorable plays against the Wildcats when he burst unimpeded across the line for a sack of quarterback Will Levis with Kentucky at UF's 30 on its second drive of the game.

Officials initially tossed flags to signal a targeting penalty on Boone. However, the replay determined Boone did not launch the crown of his helmet toward Levis' head and the drive ended with a Kentucky punt.

Boone finished with two tackles and his first career sack, one of three on the night for the Gators after they failed to record one in the win over the Utes.

"I don't want to say it was a preparation thing, but in a way, we were a little bit more prepared for Kentucky," Boone said. "I feel that we, as a team, as well as a defensive line room, we took our time to really like break down our pass rushes, our games and analyze who our opponents were and what kind of quarterback we were going against. So, I just felt like we saw that we didn't really get the kind of effort we wanted to or really the kind of statement we wanted to make the first game, so we had to make sure we did it the second."

Boone is among a young group of defensive linemen the Gators will need consistent production from for more performances like the one against the Wildcats.

Listed at 6-foot-3.75 and 260 pounds, Boone's performance against Kentucky — and his noteworthy sack — is one he hopes serves as an appetizer for what is to come.

For more from Boone, here is a Q&A following Wednesday's practice:

### **JUSTUS BOONE Q&A**

**Q:** What did it feel like to have that clean shot at Kentucky quarterback Will Levis?

**A:** I want to say that's probably my first mindset anyway, playing D-end, trying to get a shot at the quarterback. But when I saw it available, my eyes lit up.

**Q:** What was it like to celebrate your first sack?

**A:** Well, for me personally, it's everything. Coming from last year, I didn't have too much playing time on the field. So for me being able to, my first full series on the field, to get a sack felt pretty good.

Q: What did you think when you saw the flag?

A: Oh lord, I thought they was gonna try to get me up out of there. I'm really thinking about not being able to be there for my team next week, if anything, and then not being able to finish the game.

Q: And what about when the flag was picked up?

A: Exactly as I did when I first got it.

Q: Coach Napier said you have improved in every aspect of your life — what prompted the changes?

A: Well, like I previously said, last year I didn't get too much time on the field and get too much time to play against anyone. So, I really snapped into it last year, just to keep my head down, keep on working and keep on doing the things that matter. That's going to eventually pay off whenever it's time for me to play, and I've just been sharpening up everything since there.

Q: How does the defense rally not having senior linebacker Ventrell Miller (injured) on Saturday against USF?

A: As a team, we all have player accountability. We all depend on each other to communicate with each other. Like you said, Ventrell is one of the leaders on our defense and it will be a little setback with not having him. But like I also said, collectively as a team we all have player accountability, so we're gonna communicate and watch each other [like] we would if he was out there.

Q: When did you put the Kentucky loss behind you?

A: Me personally, I wouldn't say I've put it behind me. I don't think I've ever put a loss behind me. I just want to say that it put a chip on my shoulder to do better than I did last week, be more prepared than I was last week.

Q: How do you remain focused on USF?

A: Well, one thing I can refer back to with [co-defensive coordinator] Coach Spencer told me is that we don't disrespect or look down on any team we play. We always show respect, we always want to respect them because they're a college team like we're a college team. We're going to approach them the same way we'd approach anybody. That's putting our head down and working as if we're trying to get to the next game.

Q: Was the sack of Levis the biggest hit you've ever had in your life?

A: Nah, not the biggest, but it's close.

Q: Have you ever knocked off someone's helmet?

A: Yeah, actually, I did in my Senior Bowl game. I got a like a hit, but the backside got a chance to knock his head off, too.



## Florida Gators have elite line, great effort, USF coach Jeff Scott says

By: Matt Baker

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Though there is some familiarity between the No. 18 Florida Gators and USF from last year's matchup, Bulls coach Jeff Scott does not expect that to help his team Saturday.

"This looks like a different (Florida) team through two weeks than maybe where they were last year," Scott said Tuesday.

The obvious reason why is Billy Napier, the first-year Gators coach whom Scott worked with at Clemson.

Florida coach Billy Napier (right) has already made his mark on the Gators.

Though Scott was careful not to make comparisons to what Florida looked like last year under Dan Mullen, he sees Napier's stamp on the Gators.

"You can definitely see a team that is playing extremely hard," Scott said. "They believe in what they're doing. Fundamentally, it doesn't matter if it's a backside tight end that's not involved with the play — he's doing his job like the game depends on it."

Scott also said the Gators look "very disciplined" on film. That's a notable change from the previous regime, which was prone to penalties and breakdowns.

The change shouldn't be a surprise. Scott knows firsthand how much Napier preaches fundamentals and effort after working with him closely with the Tigers from 2009-10.

Florida also looks different on film because of a name Scott knows well: Etienne. Freshman running back Trevor Etienne leads UF with 7.9 yards per carry and had a rushing touchdown and two-point conversion reception last week. Scott sees the resemblance between that Etienne and his older brother, Travis, who played for Scott with the Tigers.

"He looks just like Travis did at Clemson, except I don't know that Travis looked like that as a true freshman..." Scott said. "He's already a big-time playmaker for them."

The biggest playmakers Scott raved about were on the other side of the ball. He called UF's defensive line "elite" and the best he has faced in his two-plus seasons at USF. That's high praise, considering the Bulls have gone up against a pair of College Football Playoff participants (2020 Notre Dame and 2021 Cincinnati), two ranked BYU teams and a Houston front that ranked sixth nationally in sacks.

"They're physical," USF center Brad Cecil said. "I think that they play the game how it's supposed to be played. They play hard. They play fast."

USF has the potential to play that way, too. The Bulls entered the season with more career starts on the offensive line (154) than anyone else in the country.

One common thread between last year's matchup and this year's is Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson. He came off the bench last year to rip off an 80-yard touchdown run and pass for a 75-yard score in the Gators' 42-20 win.

Though Richardson struggled last week against Kentucky, he remains one of the most talented players in the country and a major challenge for USF to try to corral for its first win over a ranked opponent since 2016.

USF coach Jeff Scott will go for his first win against a ranked opponent this weekend at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"I would say that after we finished the BYU game, we were not ready to beat a top-25 team. That was two weeks ago," Scott said. "That's the exciting part about football. Each week is a new week. You get new opportunities to grow. We'll find out after Week 3 whether we play well enough to do that."

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"It's an amazing experience to be able to play in The Swamp. It's a beautiful crowd. They get a little rowdy there at times. It's nice, especially when you beat them." — USF defensive end Jatorian Hansford, who was 2-2 against the Gators while at Missouri (including a 38-17 win in Gainesville in 2018)

## **'He looks just like Travis': USF coach, former Clemson OC Jeff Scott praises Trevor Etienne**

By: Jacob Rudner

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It was fairly clear that Travis Etienne was going to be a special running back in his first year at the college level.

As a true freshman at Clemson in 2017, he led the Tigers with 766 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns on 107 carries. It was enough to land him on the All-ACC third-team offense and set him on his course to eventually becoming one of the best and most decorated running backs in ACC history as the conference's all-time leader in rushing yards, rushing touchdowns, total touchdowns and total points scored.

But, according to his former offensive coordinator Jeff Scott, who is now in his third year as head coach at the University of South Florida and will face off against No. 18 Florida in Gainesville on Saturday, Travis Etienne might not have been as impressive a freshman as his younger brother, Gator first-year running back Trevor Etienne.

"He looks just like Travis did at Clemson, except I don't know that Travis looked like that as a true freshman, watching him play this past week," Scott told USF media members Tuesday. "He's already a big-time playmaker for them."

It's been just two weeks but Etienne has already made his impact on Florida's offense. The former four-star prospect has rushed just 14 times but already has 110 yards and a touchdown to his name. In Florida's season-opening matchup against then-No. 7 Utah, which has been known for its stout run defense under longtime head coach Kyle Whittingham, Etienne rushed five times for 64 yards and paced the Gators. His 7.9 yards per rush currently leads the team.

"I think Trevor's a good young player," Florida head coach Billy Napier said. "I think Trevor's got great vision, great instincts. I think he's elusive, he can make people miss, he's low to the ground. He catches the ball well. He's out there playing as a rookie, but he's got the intelligence and maturity to do that. He's in the rotation. Did some good things tonight. I also think there's some areas he can improve."

Despite his success, Etienne is hardly the only running back receiving carries in Florida's offense. In fact, he arguably hasn't even been the loudest member of a noisy group.

Sophomore Montrell Johnson, who transferred to Florida at a season at Louisiana, leads the Gators in rushing attempts (19) and rushing yards (137) through two games. Johnson's 40-yard rush against then-No. 20 Kentucky on Saturday accounted for nearly 15 percent of the team's total yardage on the day.

"I remember watching his high school tape and in the evaluation, I said, 'Leveon Bell,' a little bit of that slow, patient, and he hits it," Napier said.

Florida is widely expected to lean on its rushing attack throughout the remainder of the campaign despite running the ball on just 45 percent of its plays from scrimmage against Kentucky.

At Louisiana last year, Napier kept the ball on the ground nearly 58 percent of the time against FBS opponents and has a similar multi-back structure that allowed him to put players in the best spots for them

to succeed. The Ragin Cajuns finished the 2021 season with three 600-plus-yard rushers, including Johnson, who was recognized as the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year.

“We’re a run-heavy team,” sophomore running back Nay'Quan Wright, who is listed as Florida's starter at the position, said in August.

Florida's rushing attack also has the benefit of having a very mobile quarterback working with them, sophomore Anthony Richardson. While Richardson rushed just six times for four yards against Kentucky, the 6-foot-4, 238-pounder picked up 106 yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries against Utah a week earlier. Florida's running backs have said that Richardson's mobility makes it easier for them throughout the game as defenses are required to protect against a potential quarterback keeper even when the play call is a designed running back run.

“That takes it off me a lot,” Johnson said of having a quarterback who presents a threat on the ground. “Once I get the ball, I see [the defense] flow with me but they know he can score as well and do stuff outside the pocket.”

Florida's ground game will likely continue to be an effort distributed across several players, including its starting quarterback. But Etienne's success is getting hard to ignore.

"Excited about Trevor and his future for sure," Napier said.

# Hometown Hero: Gators Coach Billy Napier's Debut — and His Late Father's Memory — Talk of Town

By: Scott Carter

Florida Gators

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The drive is so short that there was no need to reach for the car keys. They usually just walked the easy path here from the downtown First Baptist Church to the Village Cafeteria on Sunday mornings.

The routine was more like a ritual for the Napier clan, the town's First Family of Football. Rain or shine, Sunday mornings meant a trip to church for Bill Napier, his wife, Pam, and their four kids: sons Billy, Matt and Kurt, and daughter Whitney.

And as sure as the sun rising over nearby Fort Mountain, the Napiers walked out the front doors of the large church on West Market Street, turned left to walk across North Third Avenue – the main thoroughfare in town – and strolled another block before turning right and heading for the door of the Village Cafeteria.

"It's the spot-to-meet place," Kurt Napier said. "There's always a big line."

The Village Cafeteria is no longer open Sundays, not since the COVID-19 pandemic altered the business landscape. But Monday through Friday, the residents of this small town in northwest Georgia flock to the buffet line for Teresa Morrison's Southern-flavored homestyle meals.

Morrison has owned the Village Cafeteria for 36 years. She has known the Napiers and their kids since not long after she started frying up her famous chicken and dishing out the restaurant's hearty country-fried steak with gravy.

In those days, Gators head coach Billy Napier, who turned 43 in July, was already serious about football like his dad. Morrison recalls all of them being passionate about the game that defined the family in the eyes of locals.

"I've known them all since they were teeny-tiny," Morrison said this week while tending a busy lunch crowd. "His momma comes in every week, and his brother comes in two or three times a week. If [Billy's] in town, they all come here to eat."

Morrison first met Bill Napier, a local legend and former head coach at Murray County High, where all three boys played for their father. Soon, she got to know Pam and the kids as they made their regular visits.

The oldest Napier child, Billy, carried himself like his dad. He was respectful, polite and hard-working. Much of the conversation this week around the Village Cafeteria's tables has centered on what Napier and his Gators did in the season opener.

Florida's victory over then-No. 7 Utah earned Napier his first win at UF and vaulted the Gators into the AP Top 25 at No. 12 heading into Saturday night's game against No. 20 Kentucky.

Morrison couldn't be more delighted for the small-town boy on the big stage. You don't even have to ask her about Bill Napier. She fully grasps the Napier story that tugs at this town's heartstrings.

"Everybody is thrilled to death and knows that his daddy would be very happy," Morrison said.

Settled slap-dab in the heart of the Southeastern Conference footprint, Chatsworth is a 415-mile drive from Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. It's closer to SEC outposts Knoxville, Nashville, Lexington, Tuscaloosa, Auburn, Columbia, S.C., Oxford and Starkville.

But since last December, when Billy Napier took over the Gators, locals have noticed a severe uptick in interest in their orange-and-blue rivals. The reigning national champion Georgia Bulldogs are No. 1 and located 120 miles away, but the Gators have quickly ascended into second place.

"It was a front-page story for us," said Erik Green, sports editor of the Chatsworth Times. "They are about as well-known people in town as you can possibly imagine."

Most of those who either grew up with Billy or knew the family had kept tabs on his career. Napier left Chatsworth to play quarterback at Furman University. After playing, he embarked on a coaching career that stopped at FBS programs Clemson, Alabama and Arizona State before becoming a head coach for the first time at Louisiana in 2018.

When he was named head coach of the Gators, a buzz rippled through town for days. It was as if Chatsworth residents needed to recalibrate their equilibrium.

"I may not root for Florida, but I'll root for Billy," said Brandon Bond, who played for Bill Napier in high school and later served as one of his assistants.

Roger Rainey, another former assistant on Bill Napier's staff, is now principal at Northwest Elementary School in the area. He shared the same sentiment heard throughout Murray County these days.

"I'm not much of a Florida Gator follower until now," Rainey said. "I bleed red and black, but I'll be following Florida. I wish him the best of luck. We'll root for him every week but one."

Of course, the county's newfound backing of the Gators traces directly to Billy Napier and his father, the late Bill Napier, who died five years ago this month after a four-year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

The elder Napier spent more than 25 years coaching in the area, including 16 as head coach at Murray County High. When he passed away in September 2017, a standing-room-only crowd packed the pews at First Baptist Church for his memorial service.

"He's a legend," Rainey said. "He put us on the map and had us competing year-in and year-out for region championships."

Bill Napier is memorialized with a plaque adjacent to Murray Field, home of the Indians. He remains the school's all-time winningest coach and the architect of the most famous football family this town has ever known.

All three Napier boys are head coaches. Matt Napier is at LaGrange (Ga.) High, and Kurt Napier, the youngest son, is in his first season as head coach at Murray County High, named to the post 31 years after his father was hired to lead the program in 1991.

"It's a coach's family," said Rainey, whose son Cody grew up idolizing Billy and wore his No. 19 when he later played quarterback in high school. "His wife was very supportive. His sons were ball boys on the sideline. I can remember when I was in high school, Billy and Matt running around in the weight room and the fieldhouse."

There was little doubt about Billy's path by the time he got to high school.

"My dad is my greatest influence," Billy said. "I was able to observe him make a tremendous impact on young people. That's why I chose the profession."

Bond and Rainey gathered in a gym at Northwest Elementary to share one of their favorite Billy stories. Rainey was the receivers coach, and Bond a defensive assistant under Bill Napier at Murray County High.

Billy was at Furman by this time and would come home when the Paladins had a bye week. Often, he would come up to the press box where Rainey and Bond were and put on a pair of headsets during the game.

Meanwhile, Bill Napier was known for his no-nonsense approach on game day and in addition, served as the team's offensive coordinator. That never stopped young Billy from chiming in over the headsets. Despite his assistants suggesting a change to a play-call from time to time, Bill rarely took their advice. But it was different when Billy pointed something out to his dad.

"His dad was very football-minded, a genius," Bond said. "He would listen to Billy. He wouldn't listen to the rest of us. Sure enough, Bill would run it, and it would work. It was awesome."

Kurt Napier, six years younger than Billy, said the years his brother played at Furman are some of his favorite childhood memories. As soon as Murray County's Friday night games ended, the Napiers and their four kids would load into the car and head wherever the Paladins were playing.

Pam and Whitney loved the game as much as the men of the house, making Billy's rise in the profession a family affair. The Napiers gather each summer in Rosemary Beach in the Florida Panhandle for a family vacation.

It's a tradition that started while Bill was alive and has continued, growing in the years since to include wives and grandchildren.

While there to relax before the season kicks off, the nights inevitably end the same way.

"We all just love to sit around and talk ball and talk scheme. That's what we do at the house," Kurt said. "Billy is so detailed. He brings these three-inch binders full of information on how to run a program. I learned so much by listening to him and looking at his notebooks."



"I'm excited to see where it goes. I think he's ready for it. Everything that he's done leading up to this point, it just makes sense."

The folks around Murray County chat about the Napier boys as if they were family. In the small town of about 5,000 residents, they have talked a lot this week about Napier's debut with the Gators.

Napier's family made the trip to The Swamp for his first game. There was no way Kurt was going to miss it. The morning after his Murray County team's game on Friday night, Kurt and 4-year-old daughter Reghan, who now considers the Gators her team, hopped into the car for the 6 ½-hour drive.

All he had to mention was "Uncle Billy's game," and Reghan, who attended the Orange & Blue Game in the spring, was ready for a return engagement. Following Florida's 29-26 comeback win, a photographer snapped a keepsake picture as Kurt, holding Reghan, embraced his older brother. Pam is seen watching from off to the side.

Afterward, Kurt and Matt got a Heavener Football Training Center tour from Nancy Scarborough, Napier's executive assistant. Billy was already home when Kurt arrived to spend the night capping a long day for both.

"He was there, and we sat on the couch and watched TV together, just kind of decompressed from the night," Kurt said. "That was a great experience, to be at his first game."

"It was somewhat of a family reunion. This was the first week of school [in Murray County], so it's the first time seeing teachers and others you don't see over the summer, so everybody is just talking about the game and asking about our trip down."

It's a trip many from Chatsworth plan to make this season.

A retired football coach and principal in Murray County, Dan Harkleroad has known the Napier family for decades. He watched Billy grow up and transform into essentially a player-coach when he starred at quarterback for the Indians in the late 1990s.

Harkleroad watched last week's game with a smile, imagining Bill Napier doing the same. He watched a video of Napier's postgame press conference and speech to the team in the locker room.

It was as if he was watching Bill Napier.

"Reminds me of his dad straight down the line," Harkleroad said. "This whole town was upside down when they won. It couldn't happen to a better guy."

Green, the sports editor at the town's newspaper, covers Kurt's Murray County team. The Indians lost their starting quarterback in a preseason scrimmage and their backup early to injury in their last game. Kurt has a lot of work to get the program back to where his father had it before the county split into two primary high schools instead of one.

But Green watched what Billy did at Louisiana and what Matt has done at LaGrange. He figures that if anyone can do it, having the last name Napier is an excellent place to start.

"I think most people consider the Napiers to be sort of program resurrectors," Green said.

That's part of why Billy was hired at Florida. He is already ahead of the curve in many ways, much like those back home who remember him. They say he was destined to follow in his father's footsteps and have success doing it.

The crowd at the Village Cafeteria has no doubt Napier is the right man for the job. After all, they know he learned from the best ever in their neck of the woods.

"He was a great coach, and his son has become a great coach," Morrison said.

Rainey agreed. He spent seven seasons on Bill Napier's staff, and despite drinking from a Georgia Bulldogs-themed thermal cup as he discusses Bill's oldest boy, Rainey expects the Gators to get their chomp back under Napier — with his father guiding the way.

"I'm sure he's looking down and shaking his head, 'Yep, that's what I wanted for him.' " Rainey said. "He would be so proud."

## **Receiver Ricky Pearsall a top target in Florida offense, thanks to relentless routine**

By: Kevin Brockway

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The morning routine for Florida Gators wide receiver Ricky Pearsall begins with 100 catches on the JUGS Sports machine, which simulates passes thrown from a quarterback at various speeds and distances.

Then, after practice, it's back on the JUGS machine for 100 more catches at night.

"You gotta get in 100 catches each time. I mean, in a row," Pearsall said. "That's how I look at it. I gotta get 100 in a row on the JUGS machine before I can leave. So if I drop one, I got to restart."

Pearsall is no stranger to hard work.

Transfer Ricky Pearsall moves past injury setback

Even after an injury setback in fall camp, Pearsall emerged as quarterback Anthony Richardson's top target in UF's 29-26 win over Utah last Saturday, finishing with four catches for a team-high 67 yards receiving.

"I've always been a hard worker," Pearsall said. "So I think that's something that's really honed is my work ethic. I think that just over time has developed."

An Arizona State transfer, Pearsall had 48 catches for 580 yards and four TDs for the Sun Devils last season. Pearsall grew up in Tempe, Arizona, near Arizona State's campus, and admitted the decision to leave home was difficult.

When Pearsall put his name in the transfer portal, his cellphone rang all week, but the conversation with Florida coach Billy Napier stood out most.

"I put all my trust into Billy Napier," Pearsall said. "He's a tremendous coach and the things that he had to say. We trust him and want to be here."

At 6-foot-1 and 200 pounds, Pearsall flashed the first week of UF's fall camp with his quickness, hands and route running ability out of the slot. But then came a foot bruise, which sidelined him for close to two weeks in August. Pearsall returned in time to finish up the final week of fall camp and earn a starting job.

"It was really unfortunate because I wanted to be out there with my guys," Pearsall said. "I just got here and I want to show everybody what I got ..."

"I'm good now and I'm gonna keep building on these days and keep proving to the world and keep proving to my teammates that I can get up."

Napier, a former receivers coach at Alabama from 2013-16 who worked with Jerry Jeudy, Amari Cooper and Calvin Ridley, said what stands out about Pearsall is his experience.

"He's a very skilled player," Napier said. "I think he's skilled at the line of scrimmage, at the top of the route. He's got really good ball skills. He's got a really unique quickness and acceleration."

"I think he's got a little creativity. The guy's been running routes a long time and we needed a player like that, who's got some run after the catch and some quickness."

So how hard does Anthony Richardson throw?

In addition to putting trust in Napier, Pearsall said he's developed a chemistry with Richardson, who possesses the arm strength to deliver balls into tight windows.

"He's a tremendous athlete," Pearsall said. "He can throw the ball. Everything you want in a quarterback, he has."

How hard does Richardson throw?

"You gotta be prepared for sure," Pearsall said. "You gotta have strong hands, but that's why I'm on the JUGS machine every day in the morning and at night."

Pearsall will look to build off his impressive Florida debut when the No. 19 Gators (1-0) host No. 20 Kentucky (1-0) on Saturday. Through the ups and downs of adjusting to a new team and new surroundings, Pearsall said he's feeling more comfortable.

"It took a lot for me to pick all my stuff up and leave," Pearsall said. "But I know this is a really good opportunity for me and I know I can do it. I knew it was the right time to do it and it's a blessing to be here and this is home now."

## **In Billy Napier, Gators receiver Ricky Pearsall trusts — and vice versa**

By: Edgar Thompson

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Once the football was firmly in hand, 2-year-old Ricky Pearsall awaited his reward.

Ricky Sr. was quick to deliver it.

“Every catch I’d get, he’d give me a Skittle,” Pearsall recalled.

Along with a sweet tooth, Pearsall developed sure hands.

A Pavlovian response to a football in the air now makes him a difference-maker for coach Billy Napier’s No. 12 Florida Gators. During last Saturday’s 29-26 win against Utah, Pearsall debuted with 4 catches for a team-best 67 yards to position him as quarterback Anthony Richardson’s go-to receiver.

“He definitely makes it easier for me,” Richardson said. “I’m looking forward to more games with him.”

Pearsall’s performance also validated the difficult decision to leave Arizona State and his native stomping grounds.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound receiver’s talent, work ethic and approach traveled well.

In Gainesville, Pearsall, who turns 22 Friday, established a strict regimen that includes catching 100 passes every morning and evening from a JUGS machine.

“You got to get a routine together,” he explained. “Like Napier always says, get your routine together and that’s going to carry you through your week.”

Pearsall’s sense of routine began years ago at his father’s knee.

Ricky Pearsall Sr. was a receiver from 1993-96 at Northern Arizona University, where he recorded 124 catches for 1,802 yards and developed a blueprint for success he’d pass down to his son.

“My dad is everything,” Ricky Pearsall said. “He’s my biggest critic. That’s really important, having a father figure. It started since I was young and he never stopped. ”

Pearsall’s chance to follow in his father’s footsteps arrived when coaches moved him from quarterback to receiver during his sophomore season at Tempe Corona del Sol.

“That’s when I really started running routes and taking it serious,” he said.

Pearsall focused on the position’s fine points to separate himself from the pack — and opposing defenders.

As a Corona del Sol junior, he set a single-game state receiving yardage record for school 6A, 11-man football with 342 yards. Eventually he signed with his hometown Sun Devils in 2019. In 2021, Pearsall broke out with 48 catches, 580 receiving yards and 6 total touchdowns.

Pearsall, though, sensed bigger opportunities were available beyond a middle-of-the-pack Pac-12 program.

When Pearsall decided to transfer from ASU last spring, he generated immediate and overwhelming interest.

“I wasn’t expecting how it went,” he said. “I woke up that morning and the phone calls and the rest of that entire week, honestly, I was on the phone for the entire time because I wanted to make that right decision.

“I put all my trust into Billy Napier.”

Napier, a former receivers coach at Clemson and Alabama, put his faith in Pearsall to provide the Gators with a playmaker on the perimeter.

“He’s a very skilled player,” Napier said. “He’s got really good ball skills. He’s got a really unique quickness and acceleration. He’s got a little creativity.

“The guy’s been running routes a long time and we needed a player like that, who’s got some run-after-the-catch [ability] and some quickness.”

Pearsall’s No. 1 jersey is a testament to Napier’s confidence.

During his recruiting visit to Gainesville, Pearsall actually requested a different number.

“The last thing I said was, ‘Save No. 5 for me,’ and I just walked out the door,” he recalled. “When I got here, they didn’t really say anything about the numbers for the longest time. Then I got a phone call from Coach and he just basically told me that, ‘We’re going to put you in No. 1.’

“I just thanked him and I knew it came with a lot behind it. But I believe in myself. I wear it on my chest every day.”

Pearsall, though, faced a tougher adjustment after he injured his left foot early in preseason camp. That forced him to miss two weeks and jeopardized his availability for the opener.

“It was very unfortunate. I wanted to be out there with my guys,” he said. “I just got here and wanted to show everybody what I got.”

Pearsall didn’t need long to make an impression. A 23-yard catch on third-and-15 during Florida’s first scoring drive against Utah was one of four first-down catches on just five targets.

In the stands, Pearsall’s parents looked on.

But even more than 2,000 miles away during the week, Ricky Sr. monitors closely his son’s progress.

“He still texts me to this day,” Pearsall said. “Every day after practice, I’ll be expecting a long paragraph ... and I’ll send him clips from practice. I do everything he says. What he has said and taught me has taken me so far.

“It’s really important because not a lot of people out there have this and it’s truly a blessing.”

Decades later, Pearsall said he still enjoys the occasional Skittle. But the sweet taste of success and a job well done remain his daily reward.

“Just going out there every single day with the same mindset that I’m going to get better at something,” he said. “You know, ‘1 percent every day’ is what I live by.”

## **First-and-goal: Gators slot receiver Ricky Pearsall cherishes victory No. 1 in The Swamp**

By: G. Allan Taylor

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The roar inside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium had settled, and the locker room hooting subsided as coach Billy Napier spoke the epilogue to Florida's 29-26 win over No. 7 Utah. "Let's enjoy it, but you remain humble. You show up with an edge tomorrow and understand we've got work to do to get better."

Slot receiver Ricky Pearsall cherished the moment — his first game as a Gator — and took to heart the message, one which he heard again upon stepping outside the locker room to hug his euphoric parents, who flew in from Tempe, Ariz.

"Son, realize how fortunate you are, being in the position to help this program get back to its winning tradition," said his father, Ricky Sr. "But never be satisfied. You aren't even close to accomplishing what you came here to do."

The dad, who was a four-year letterman at Northern Arizona from 1994 to 1997, used to toss a football to his 2-year-old son and reward every catch with a Skittle. Pearsall still likes Skittles and still likes catching passes.

Each morning's routine begins with a team breakfast, followed by 8 a.m. physical treatment, followed by catching 100 balls from the JUGS machine. "I've gotta get 100 in a row before I can leave," he said. Each evening after practice, he grabs a manager or one of the equipment staffers and they head back to the JUGS machine to catch 100 more.

The hand-eye coordination looked sharp in Week 1 as Pearsall touched four passes and caught them all for a team-high 67 yards. A fifth target, at the end of a broken play, was batted down along the Utah sideline. Even that incompleteness showed synergy between scrambling quarterback Anthony Richardson and the Arizona State transfer who modified his route.

When Pearsall was in the portal in May and choosing between Florida and Oregon, multiple conversations with Richardson helped seal the decision. They discussed the offense, the vibe around the program, and Napier's intentions on building a winner. "He had a lot of good things to say," Pearsall said, "and I believed everything."

Summer throwing sessions made for a nice introduction and he started preseason camp looking impressive in one-on-ones against defensive backs. Then came a foot injury, and though the MRI showed no fracture, Pearsall missed two weeks with a pair of painful bone bruises.

"It was really unfortunate because I wanted to be out there with my guys," he said. "I just got here and I wanted to show everybody what I've got."

Though Pearsall missed both preseason scrimmages, he moved well on intermediate routes against Utah. All four catches resulted in first downs, including a 14-yarder on Richardson's first pass of the season. The longest gainer was a 23-yard pickup on third-and-15 that led to the Gators' first touchdown.



“I think he’s skilled at the line of scrimmage and at the top of the route,” Napier said Wednesday night. “He’s got really good ball skills, really unique quickness and acceleration. And I think he’s got a little creativity.

“The guy’s been running routes a long time and we needed a player like that, who’s got some run-after-the-catch quickness. I think he’s a unique player in the slot who presents a mismatch. The guy is also 6-1 1/2 and 195 pounds, so he’s not a small guy.”

Pearsall felt small, at least at first, playing in front of 90,799 fans, a record season-opening crowd at The Swamp. Pac-12 crowds simply don’t compare. The most fans for one of Pearsall’s previous games was 73,531 at Michigan State in 2019 and 61,570 at BYU last year.

“It took a second for me to soak it in when I walked out that tunnel for the first time because it was a different atmosphere out there in The Swamp,” he said. “Everybody wants to talk about it, and I heard all about it when I was coming here. Yeah, the Pac-12 and the SEC are definitely two different atmospheres, for sure.

“It was really loud. Really loud.”

Pearsall didn’t request the prized No. 1 jersey. Rather, he was informed about landing it on a late-summer call from Napier. (“I just thanked him and said I knew it came with a lot behind it.”) It’s an appropriate number, given his mindset of “getting 1 percent better every day.”

Teammates have noticed.

“You know, his first impression was amazing — a guy who put his head down and worked,” cornerback Jason Marshall said. “He’s fast, quick, got hands, and his routes are good, too. With me covering him, sometimes it gets hard, but I like the work, he likes the work, and it’s just good competition.”

## **Inside the Gators' upset of Utah: 'This group's got a lot of fight in them'**

By: Edgar Thompson

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Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson wants the football in his hands with the game on the line.

As his team faced 4th-and-2 with 1:53 remaining during Saturday night's thriller against Utah, the moment suddenly felt a bit too big and too real for Richardson.

With the Gators trailing by four points during head coach Billy Napier's debut, he turned to his redshirt sophomore QB.

"Coach Nape told me, 'You're going to try to score right here. A game-winner,'" Richardson recalled. "My heart kind of froze. I'd never really heard those words."

But Richardson kept his cool, picked up a first down with a 10-yard run and four plays later crossed the goal line for the third time during his team's 29-26 win.

Richardson's athleticism, arm strength and ability to meet the moment carried the unranked Gators past the No. 7 Utes.

Senior Amari Burney's interception — and redemption — sealed the deal. Victimized all night by Utah's talented tight ends, Burney jumped a route by Dalton Kincaid to intercept Cam Rising's second-down pass into the end zone with 17 seconds remaining.

"Someone had to make a play. It happened to be me," Burney said.

A sold-out crowd of 90,799, the highest ever for a Gators' home opener, let out a roar that did not subside for some time.

Napier picked up his first win at Florida after four seasons at Louisiana.

The 43-year-old moved to 17-3 in one-possession games but was quick to credit the Gators' grit.

"This group's got a lot of fight in them," he said.

The Gators were 3-point underdogs, the first time a visiting season-opening opponent was favored against Florida since 1969 against Houston.

Those Gators were led by a sophomore quarterback, John Reaves, on his way to a record-setting season for a 9-1-1 squad.

Napier inherited a team coming off a 6-7 season. SEC media picked Florida to finish fourth in the SEC East.

The Gators and Richardson have other ideas.

"We just knocked off a top-ranked team," Richardson said. "There's great energy in the locker room right now. I feel like it boosted some guys' confidence."

"A lot of people were doubting us."

An SEC-opening visit from No. 20 Kentucky at 7 p.m. Saturday offers the Gators' their next chance to make people believers. The Wildcats have beaten the Gators two of the past four meetings, including a 2018 upset in the Swamp to end a losing streak against Florida dating to 1986.

## Game-winning interception 'meant a lot' to fifth-year senior LB Burney

By: Jacob Rudner

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Billy Napier's eyes widened as if he were trying to reconcile what had just happened. Behind him was a glob of Florida players, coaches and trainers who appeared to briefly do the same.

When reality sunk in, Napier's arms shot toward the sky in celebration of an unexpected but brilliant 29-26 triumph over a formidable foe, No. 7 Utah.

Napier's reaction was the product of what Florida fans are already calling "an instant classic play."

"A special moment," Napier said Saturday.

Utah had been marching down the field, threatening to score a touchdown that Florida would have been unlikely to recover from. But with just 17 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Utah quarterback Cameron Rising fired a pass on second-and-goal from the 6-yard line intended for his dependable tight end, Dalton Kincaid. But Kincaid couldn't stay on his feet as he crossed over the middle of the field, tripping and falling after Rising had already released his pass.

That's when Florida fifth-year senior linebacker Amari Burney sprawled out and ensnared the ball, ensuring a Florida victory over a top-10 team. As far as the Gator football program goes, the moment was one that will go down in history books as it tied Florida's highest-ranked victory in a season opener in program history. For Burney personally, the moment was immensely meaningful.

"It just meant a lot," Burney said. "For coach Napier and [co-defensive coordinator Patrick Toney] and (linebackers) coach (Jay) Bateman to come in here and just trust me with that opportunity to be on the field in that clutch moment."

It hasn't always been easy for Burney, a fifth-year senior who joined the program in 2018 as a safety. The former four-star prospect then moved to STAR, a hybrid position that has linebacker and defensive back elements, only to move to linebacker full time a year later in 2020.

But tackling and execution issues pushed Burney into a reserve role at the linebacker position, where he appeared in 13 games in 2021 but made just two end-of-year starts. When Florida made its coaching change, many fans thought Burney was a candidate to enter the NCAA transfer portal, however, he said he felt compelled to honor the commitment he made to the university years earlier. Napier is glad he did.

"Amari Burney is one of my favorite players here on the team," the first-year head coach said. "This guy's played — I think this is his sixth year here. He's played like 1,600 snaps here. I call him old man all the time."

Burney was arguably stuck with the most difficult task of the night against the Utes Saturday: covering their immensely talented and versatile tight ends Brant Kuithe and Dalton Kincaid.

At times, Kuithe functioned like a wide receiver and moved around the field as much as anybody on the Utes' roster, something that created mismatches for Florida's defensive backs and linebackers in coverage, especially when Kuithe aligned in the slot. And while Kincaid does not have as much alignment flexibility, he has a history of being equally as effective in the team's passing attack.

For the majority of the night, Kuithe seemed to get the best of Burney, scooting by him on several occasions for explosive plays like a 37-yard snag that occurred with Burney in tow. Kuithe finished the night with nine receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown.

“Great tight ends,” Burney said. “They’re probably the best tight ends that we’re going to play all season. Just guarding him tonight, great coverage but just have to get my head around for the ball. Those guys are very outstanding athletes.”

But Burney made plays when he needed to.

It happened in the third quarter when Florida put together a phenomenal goalline stand in which they kept Utah out of the end zone on four plays from the half-yard line.

It happened on a number of run plays when Burney filled his lane properly. He finished the game with seven tackles, matching his third-highest single-game total in his career.

And, of course, it happened with just 17 seconds left in the game. When his team needed it most.

“I just knew I had to come up with it,” Burney said. “It felt great. I really couldn’t hear anything. My ears were ringing, I had a headache, people were trying to tackle me and I was trying to get away from them, that’s why I was running down the field.”

According to Napier and several Florida players, the game-ending interception could not have been pulled off by a better teammate and role model for the rest of the roster.

Napier said Burney is a “good communicator” who “makes other players around him better,” and added that Burney has “really risen to the occasion” in a middle linebacker room that entered the season with extremely limited depth.

“For that guy to make the play,” Napier said, “I think that’s pretty special.”

Florida star sophomore defensive lineman Gervon Dexter echoed the sentiment.

“He deserved it,” Dexter said. “He works real hard, he does the right things, both inside and outside of his locker room. He’s a veteran guy, so when I see him get a pick I felt like he really deserved it.”

By Burney’s own admission, his performance in Saturday night’s contest could have been better. He could have been sharper in coverage or more efficient in his tackling and run-stopping. But as he dove toward Rising’s late-fourth-quarter pass into the end zone, none of that mattered. The fifth-year senior cemented himself in Florida lore.

“Like Kobe (Bryant) said, ‘Job ain’t finished yet,’” Burney said with a smile. “We got to move onto the next week.”

# Gators Q&A: Running Back Montrell Johnson Jr.

By: Scott Carter

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The newness around the Gators this season starts at the top with head coach Billy Napier.

Napier has spent the last nine months adjusting to his new team and the Gators to their new coach. The get-to-know-you transition was not as difficult for running back Montrell Johnson Jr. as most of his teammates.

Johnson is one of three players on the roster who played for Napier at Louisiana, joining offensive linemen O'Cyrus Torrence and Kamryn Waites as former Ragin' Cajuns.

A sophomore from De La Salle High School in New Orleans, Johnson and Napier got to know each other quickly at Louisiana. Johnson led the Ragin' Cajuns with 12 rushing touchdowns as a true freshman, including a 99-yard score against Arkansas State, making him only the 13th player in NCAA history to race that distance for a touchdown.

Johnson is part of a backfield mix that includes Nay'Quan Wright, Lorenzo Lingard and true freshman Trevor Etienne with the Gators. He shouldn't have to wait long for his first attempt on Saturday night when the Gators host No. 7 Utah in the season opener at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

For more on Johnson, here is a Q&A with No. 2 on the roster:

MONTRELL JOHNSON JR. Q&A

Q: Hotter in Florida or Louisiana?

A: I got Louisiana heat. It's a little more humid there. It's kind of the same way here, but it's a little better in Louisiana.

Q: What is Billy's philosophy on running the football?

A: Billy's going to run the football. He likes to run the football and do play-action as well. He will run the football a lot, and then do some play-action. I'm so bad at this! That's all I got.

Q: Can you expand on that and the philosophy of being physical to other teams?

A: Running the ball is our philosophy, so say that's not working, we're going to air it out and explore our options and stuff like that. Running the ball, we're going to do it regardless of whether the opponent likes it or not.

Q: What do you think about Anthony Richardson's running ability?

A: He's a freak. Since I got here he took me in with open arms. We talk about a lot of stuff in the playbook, trying to get on the same page. He's a great guy.

Q: Most think of you as a between-the-tackles runner. Are you going to surprise people when you go outside?

A: I think I can do it all. I think I can run outside, make moves, be a bruiser at times. I think I'll surprise a lot of folks.

Q: What was the sales pitch to get you to come to Florida?

A: It wasn't really a sales pitch. It was like, 'you know how we run a program. You know what we do here, how we like to run the ball. If you want to come, come. If you don't, don't.'

Q: What is core of Coach Napier's culture?

A: Coach Napier has set the same values that he wants us to follow, like being disciplined, coming together and being tough and believing in what they've got going on here. We're slowly starting to do that and get better as a team.

Q: Did offer to join him at Florida serve as validation for you?

A: I wouldn't say it validated me because I still got some doubters out there, so I still say I have something to prove. It gave me a point of like, 'I can do this thing. I can play on this level, I can compete against the high-level guys.'



## **UF coach Billy Napier borrows from Nick Saban's Alabama blueprint**

By: Edgar Thompson

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Let go at Clemson, coach Billy Napier landed at Alabama humbled, hungry and — he soon discovered — oblivious.

Napier would never be the same. College football would not, either.

“My experience at Alabama kind of opened my eyes to what’s required to compete at this level,” Napier told the Orlando Sentinel.

Dabo Swinney’s fledgling Clemson program remained years away from flourishing when Napier’s fast rise came to a screeching halt. At Alabama, Nick Saban’s Crimson Tide were taking full flight.

Upon arriving in 2011 as an offensive analyst, Napier was awestruck by the Crimson Tide’s extensive infrastructure, strong financial commitment and detail-oriented CEO able to orchestrate such an ambitious enterprise.

“I walk into this building and I’m observing this operation and I’m thinking, ‘OK, I get it,’” Napier recalled earlier this year.

Napier, 43, has brought to the Gators key elements of what he gleaned during five formative seasons with Saban.

Alabama’s program set the standard for hiring a massive support staff, providing a deep salary pool for assistant coaches, building state-of-the-art facilities and capitalizing on a football-obsessed culture.

“Some of it’s the resources of the program — not to take anything away from Coach Saban, because he does a tremendous job,” Mississippi State coach Mike Leach said. “But there’s circumstances that can be beneficial, too.”

Napier accepted the Florida job after athletic director Scott Stricklin assured similar buy-in.

Napier has since hired around 60 people in roles ranging from co-defensive coordinators to dietitians, from overseeing logistics to NIL — a roughly 20% increase in staffing from 2021 and \$2.7 million increase in salary. On Sunday, the Gators are scheduled to move into an \$85 million, 140,000-square foot facility years in the making.

The Saban blueprint, however, is rooted in more than hiring binges or big checks.

Alabama has produced six national championships and 41 first-round NFL draft picks since he arrived in 2007. Even as others have kept pace in the arms race, Saban separated himself with his eye for talent, organizational genius, competitive drive and ability to consistently field disciplined, no-nonsense teams.

“Certainly he has not sat on his laurels,” former Florida coach Steve Spurrier said. “He gets ready to go the next year, the next game. He keeps his guys on the go. They don’t sit around and talk about how great they are.

“I like the way they play, very few penalties, they don’t hit you late out of bounds, they don’t have those interception chains and nonsense. They do things, in my opinion, the right way.”

The Saban way has rubbed off on college football, particularly in the nation’s southern region.

Napier joins Ole Miss’ Lane Kiffin, Texas A&M’s Jimbo Fisher, Miami’s Mario Cristobal, Texas’ Steve Sarkisian, Georgia Tech’s Geoff Collins and Georgia’s Kirby Smart as former Saban assistants serving as head coaches.

“I would doubt there’s ever been a coach in any sport, college or professional, that has so many people under him that are at major jobs,” Kiffin said. “It really is amazing.”

Producing Saban-like success is the challenge. Consider the 70-year-old’s career record against former assistants is 25-2 after losing to Fisher’s Aggies in 2021 and Smart’s Bulldogs in the national title game..

Last season, Smart joined Fisher as the only Saban acolyte to win a national title. Former Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio is the only other one to reach the College Football Playoff.

Many Saban disciplines have flamed out.

The biggest flop was Tennessee's Derek Dooley, who was 4-19 in the SEC in his three seasons (2010-12). Two former Saban assistants also failed in Gainesville, Will Muschamp and Jim McElwain.

"You just have to be a little different," SEC Network personality Paul Finebaum told the Sentinel. "All children are not the same, but they have the same parents. In Napier's case, the indications are strong, though.

"This is not an assistant that's never been tested before."

Louisiana evolved into a Top 25 program during Napier's four seasons, finishing 33-5 the past three seasons and 40-12 overall. Along the way, Napier spurned Auburn, among other SEC suitors.

"To turn down an SEC job when you're at Louisiana, that's pretty hard to do," said Finebaum, a longtime college football observer who spent much of his media career in Birmingham. "But he knew where he was going."

To get there with the Gators, Napier will draw on his many experiences.

"Everything I've learned I've stolen from someone else," he said. "You have to remain humble enough to admit that."

Napier credits many coaching influences for his success, beginning with his late father Bill, Napier's high school coach in Georgia and idol. South Carolina State legend Buddy Pough gave Napier his first full-time job. Swinney, a two-time national champion, made Napier the youngest offensive coordinator in Division I, though the role was short-lived.

Napier's subsequent time in Tuscaloosa was career-changing. After his stint as an analyst, Napier spent a season with McElwain at Colorado State before returning to Alabama to coach receivers and recruit for Saban from 2013-16.

Saban's rigorous approach meshed with Napier's own meticulous nature.

"A lot of his notes and detail, that comes from Coach Saban," said Gators offensive coordinator and line coach Rob Sale, who was at Alabama from 2007-11.

Napier keeps notebooks charting each month from previous seasons to improve and refine.

"The football calendar is pretty much the same thing over and over again," Sale said. "So he can see what we did, what mistakes we had the year before so you don't make the same mistakes the next year. He's constantly taking notes. He's like a machine.

"I'm not that disciplined."

Napier maximized every opportunity and examined every angle at resource-strained Louisiana, where he implemented a bare-bones version of the Saban blueprint and continued to develop it.

"I always used to tell people, we need to operate at a level where we can pick our system up and take it to the next stop and transplant it," Napier told the Sentinel. "So everything we do we need to think, if we were at the elite level in college football would this translate? That's what really I'm excited about ... We got better every year. We continued to tinker with everything.

"Now the challenge is, OK, you got the budget, you got the resources, you got a little bit more."

Rarely is a program able to put the pieces in place to challenge Saban's SEC stranglehold. Beginning with his first national title season there in 2009, Alabama is 164-17.

Meanwhile, Napier inherits a program coming off a 6-7 season and picked to finish fourth in the SEC East. The Gators' new coach knows the destination and how to get there, but ultimately will follow his own path.

"The nuts and bolts are very similar," Sale said. "But he puts his personality on it. He doesn't try to be somebody else. He's his own man."

# **What a Nick Saban bestseller taught us about Florida Gators' Billy Napier**

By: Matt Baker  
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Though first-year Florida Gators coach Billy Napier isn't a Nick Saban clone, you can see Saban's fingerprints everywhere in Gainesville, down to the parking spots.

That's the biggest takeaway from "The Leadership Secrets of Nick Saban: How Alabama's Coach Became the Greatest Ever." We received an advanced copy and read it through the prism of Napier and his five years at 'Bama. Though Saban's impact on Napier is well chronicled, the similarities were still striking.

Here are five takeaways on the Wall Street Journal bestseller, written by AL.com's John Talty:

Everything comes back to recruiting

In his first meeting at 'Bama, Saban told the entire staff, "Everything we do is about recruiting." The message applied to coaches, janitors and everyone else. How a secretary answers the phone shapes how outsiders view the program, which affects recruiting.

Napier made his priority clear on Day 1, too, when he called college football "a talent-acquisition business." Napier said he looks for three traits in potential hires across the organization: a sincere care for others, subject-area expertise and the recruiting footprint or personality/networking skills that "they bring to the table from recruiting dynamics."

The recruiting approach is similar

Saban's Crimson Tide have "critical factors" for each position. Defensive backs, for instance, must be 6 feet tall with 33-inch arms. The "Saban sheets," Talty writes, eliminate office politics through clear criteria.

Napier cites "critical factors" often, too. On signing day, he stressed players' height, length, verified speed and functional movement.

One thing that isn't a critical factor: a player's ranking. In his introductory news conference, Napier said UF won't "get consumed with the stars" and will instead focus on evaluation. It wasn't well received by every Gators fan, but the approach works for Saban. Rick Trickett — who worked with and under Saban before becoming a Florida State assistant from 2007-17 — said Saban succeeds because he "still trusts his eyes."

"I think what hurt us at Florida State at the end was we quit trusting our eyes," Trickett said. "We cared more about the recruiting magazines telling us we were No. 3 in the nation."

The FSU recruiting class that was No. 3 in the nation in 2016 went 10-3, 7-6, 5-7 and 6-7 on the field.

Talty writes that Saban routinely reviews previous classes "to know what he and his staff missed in their evaluation so it wouldn't happen again." Napier's staff includes a spot for a director of research and evaluation to study player production and the program's scouting process.

'Pick where you can win'

After leading Michigan State to a top-10 season in 1999, Saban left for LSU. Why? “I’ll never be Michigan.”

Only a dozen or so programs can be Michigan. LSU is one. So is Alabama. And, yes, Florida.

The Gators weren’t the first Power Five program to try to hire Napier away from Louisiana. But they succeeded because they have the resources and willingness to invest in Napier’s vision, which he called “the most important part” in his decision.

It was the same for Saban at LSU and Alabama. Both programs were starved for success and agreed to give Saban whatever he wanted, from an expanded football facility to better parking spots for players. Though UF’s \$85 million football complex was already in the works, UF tweaked it for Napier’s needs. And one of the first things Napier’s staff did this spring? Improve players’ parking.

The secret to the massive staff: clear roles

Saban’s process is known for his massive support staff, but it works because every role is defined. “In clear and concise language,” Talty writes, “(Saban) explains what their job responsibilities are and what success looks like.”

Napier follows that blueprint. The Gators expanded their staff for him, because his vision was detailed: Napier needs this specific position for this specific purpose.

“He didn’t just bring you here to bring you here,” director of college personnel Bird Sherrill said this spring. “There’s a thorough, detailed plan.”

If that sounds obvious, it isn’t. Athletic departments can be inefficient bureaucracies like any other workplace.

The emphasis on structure across the organization comes back to something Napier said at the start of preseason camp: “The gray area is the enemy.” Both Napier and his former boss try to eliminate it.

There are differences, too

Saban yells often. Talty tells the story of Saban unloading on a ball boy one minute and screaming at offensive coordinator Jim McElwain the next. Napier doesn’t. At media day, punter Jeremy Crawshaw said he had not yet seen Napier mad. Napier shows his intensity differently.

Though Saban’s massive support staff is inspired by Alabama, it’s not a carbon copy. Napier’s analysts and quality control staffers are up-and-comers. Many worked for him at Louisiana Lafayette.

Saban hires some of those, too, but there’s an entire chapter dedicated to the way he gives “distressed assets” a second chance. Fired coaches like Butch Jones, Lane Kiffin, Charlie Strong and an offensive coordinator Clemson canned after the 2010 season: Billy Napier.

## **Three Meals a Day Takes on New Meaning for Gators**

By: Scott Carter

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A health-conscious eater who has maintained a lifelong commitment to fitness, Gators volleyball coach Mary Wise took a lunch break last week at a new spot in town.

The options appeared endless as Wise contemplated what to have. At one point, Wise began thinking out loud.

"I can't believe I'm about to eat marinated tofu from the training table," Wise uttered to no one in particular.

Standing nearby, Tonya McGowan heard Wise's amazement to find such a healthy and diverse item at a place geared toward busy college students on the go.

"You can get the tofu grilled over here," McGowan responded, standing at a nearby serving station.

McGowan is executive chef for Sodexo Live!, the exclusive food and beverage partner of the Gators at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. The University Athletic Association's relationship with Sodexo Live! is expanding to provide premium sports nutrition for UF student-athletes at the Gary Condrón Family Dining Hall, located inside the new \$85 million Heavener Football Training Center that opened to the football team Aug. 14.

Wise was part of a soft opening for the dining hall that included various UF coaches and university officials. McGowan and Sodexo Live! are ready to serve when the facility opens Wednesday to all of UF's student-athletes.

"They already have two months of menus to mix it up," said Chip Howard, UF's executive associate athletics director for internal affairs. "There is going to be something for everybody."

A longtime UAA administrator who was closely involved with the planning and design of the Heavener Football Training Center, Howard has been around long enough to remember when the UAA operated Roberts Dining Hall in Yon Hall on the east side of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium more than 30 years ago. The world has changed a lot since then, and so has athletic training and nutrition. The UAA has eight full-time dietitians on staff to provide meal plans and information for student-athletes looking to use their eating habits as another tool to reach peak performance.

McGowan worked with the UAA's dietitians to develop menus aimed toward that goal.

"They are here for a reason and that's to make sure our student-athletes are being fueled the way they need to," Howard said. "They all have diverse eating habits, they all have diverse needs, and identifying the right nutritional values for each student-athlete has really become a science."

"Throughout our travels across the country, we focused on wherever we could go to take a look at the dining facilities on college campuses and also on professional teams to see how the best were feeding their athletes. I can say ours is one of the largest, particularly the seating area where the athletes eat. I think that bodes well in our ability to feed our 524 student-athletes three meals a day."



The dining hall features a 4,200 square-foot kitchen and dining area open to student-athletes from all sports, coaches, and staff, with an anticipated 300 to 400 guests coming through for each main service (breakfast, lunch and dinner). The serving space includes a mix of self-service stations, served items and, outside of opening hours, a Grab-N-Go area with the option for mobile ordering through the Notemeal app.

The dining hall is located in the front corridor of the Heavener Center and resembles a Gators-themed food court in an upscale shopping mall. Sodexo Live!, which also oversees dining operations at Michigan, Gonzaga, Liberty, West Virginia and Louisiana-Lafayette among others, is eager to expand its relationship with the Gators.

"We're proud of the partnership we've built with the University of Florida over the years," said Steve Pangburn, CEO of Sodexo Live! in North America. "We're honored to continue to serve fans while now expanding to serve their elite athletes."

The offerings focus on providing nutritious, well-balanced meals. Station highlights include grill, deli and salad options, as well as smoothies and dessert, plus gluten and allergen-free stations.

Wise, who is set to open her 32nd season at UF on Friday, has witnessed college athletics and UF evolve in so many ways during her distinguished career. The Condron Family Dining Hall is another example in her view of what makes Florida one of the top athletic programs in the country.

"Much like a Hawkins Center, it puts in concrete the commitment to the student-athlete's championship experience that is our core value," Wise said. "This dining hall shows it – the commitment to all student-athletes. You might see something similar around the country, but are they for the men and the women?"

And, of course, do they have grilled tofu?

"They clearly brought in the experts," Wise said, "because the attention to detail is so impressive."

# **UF's Heavener Football Center creates efficiency, comfort for Gators**

By: Edgar Thompson

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Six years in the making, Florida's football facility opened Aug. 14 to launch a new era for the Gators.

Officials pulled back the curtain Monday during a guided tour through the 142,000-square foot James W. "Bill" Heavener Football Training Center sure to level the playing field for first-year coach Billy Napier's program.

The \$85 million investment will not solely benefit the athletic department's cash cow program, either. Dining is available Monday through Friday for the first time to all the 500-plus scholarship athletes and walk-ons in UF's 21 sports.

"We've never had every student-athlete on a meal plan," executive athletic director Chip Howard said.

Yet the focus is to ultimately recreate a national championship-caliber football program at a school with three titles (1996, 2006, 2008) won during a time when facilities were not nearly as critical to success.

The new training center, nicknamed "The 7th Heavener" by the Gainesville Sun's David Whitley, exemplifies the investment required to lure the nation's best players — then train them, teach them, care for them and coach them.

Here are five areas of note:

Take a load off

A little R&R or a power nap after class and before practice can be a player's salvation during a long, taxing season.

The challenge at the Heavener Center could be getting players to leave their locker. Each features many amenities and a \$15,000 price tag.

The centerpiece is a zero-gravity chair able to recline into a bed and replenish a tired body in no time. Twenty minutes in zero-gravity position generates the spinal compression achieved during 8-10 hours of sleep. While drifting off, a player can put on the Normatec air compression boots available at each locker to rejuvenate his aching feet and fatigued lower legs.

A table alongside recharges a player's phone and storage areas include a helmet nook below an illuminating placard featuring his name and photo.

A messy, sweaty locker room never was so inviting.

Rinse, Recover, Repeat

Hall of Fame coach Bill Parcells once said, "Availability is the best ability."

Recovery is critical.

The Heavener Center offers an array of modalities to revitalize and rehabilitate players to keep them on the field.

The wet area includes a cold-plunge pool and two rehab pools, including one with two underwater treadmills for players nursing lower-extremity injuries. A sauna, steam room and two float tubs sit adjacently, as does a glassed-in athletic training area twice the size as previously available.

Nearby are two cryotherapy rooms, one set at minus-67 degrees and another at minus-167 degrees, to accelerate recovery. A three-minute treatment delivers well-documented benefits while replacing ice packs or ice baths.

Room with a view

Napier's office occupies the northwest corner of the Heavener Center. A balcony 15 to 20 steps from his desks offers a view of Sanders Practice Fields. A window to his left overlooks the basketball court and swimming pool west of the building and available to all athletes.

Behind Napier's desk are two bookshelves filled a variety of reading materials for the learned 43-year-old. A well-detailed day planner on his desk provides a window into his meticulous mind.

Napier's influences and sources of inspirations are felt everywhere.

A framed collection of photos and writings pays tribute to Bill Napier, his late father and high school coach in Georgia. Napier's three children and wife are well represented on the same wall.

Helmets sit in the corner, representing each of his stops. Napier's sizable office is suited to a man now holding one of college football's biggest jobs.

Florida living

Gainesville's warm weather and sunshine are key selling points to recruits. A resort-style pool at the Heavener Center aims to capitalize.

The area is sure to be a prime gathering spot for UF athletes once it is completed. A large hot tub will sit nearby.

The pools sit at the west end of the building down the hall from the dining area and past a barber shop, pool table, ping-pong table and several massage chairs.

"How many schools can do this?" Howard said overlooking the pool area. "It's uniquely Florida. That's what you want."

Hall of Honor

Jeremy Foley's presence is felt in every corner of Florida's athletics program, including when one enters the new building.

The Foley Hall of Champions features banners celebrating the championship successes under the former AD. The Gators won 27 national championships and 130 SEC titles during Foley's 25 seasons (1992-2016).

"It's hard for me to put into words how meaningful this is to me," Foley said in a statement. "Not only the recognition, but the way it embodies what I believe and what they still believe at the University of Florida; that all sports matter, and all will compete at the highest level."

The banners hang in the foyer, dining hall and player lounge — areas open to athletes in all sports involved in shaping Foley's legacy.

Leading up to his retirement, Foley recognized the need to improve the football program's lagging facilities. In September 2016, Foley proposed one to serve as the centerpiece of roughly \$100 million in construction projects also impacting the baseball and softball programs.

Considerable changes were made to push the price tag up as much \$80 million. The Gators believe the Heavener Football Training Center is worth it.

"This is a 50- or 60-year fix," athletic director Scott Stricklin said."

## **New facility the 'living room' for Florida athletics**

By: Jacob Rudner

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Florida executive associate athletics director for internal affairs Chip Howard stood just inside the front entrance of the James W. Heavener Football Training Center, a project that he helped oversee for much of the last five years.

Understandably, Howard was proud of the outcome: a categorically stunning \$85 million facility outfitted with cutting-edge technology, craftily designed spaces that could allow for enhanced off-field football training, a state-of-the-art locker room in which each individual locker costs roughly \$15,000, and a training center that includes hydrotherapy, cryotherapy, and more.

It's the kind of building that can "impact a school forever," Howard said at one point while offering a facility tour on Monday afternoon.

"When we went through the process, we visited a lot of schools and it wasn't so much about what Clemson had or Alabama had or what FSU has or Kentucky, it's what Florida could have," Howard said. "When we looked at what we were looking for as it relates to the development of our student-athletes, the ability for them to efficiently work in a certain amount of time, you know, 20 hours a week, that's how this was designed."

But the bells and whistles of the facility were not the features that made Howard proudest. Instead, it was the building's entry space, a vast lobby that points to the university's strong history in all of its sports that connects to a dining hall, indoor recreation area, lounge and accesses the facility's outdoor amenities. Why?

"This is an all-student-athlete amenity area," Howard said with a smile. "Most times when you go to a football facility or a football complex, it's football only. What we thought was, how do we make the entire program better? This all-athlete amenity area, coupled with the Hawkins Center, there's no comparison in college sports for what we can do to help our student-athletes."

Some of that help will come immediately. On Wednesday, Howard said the dining hall in the front entry space of the James W. Heavener Football Training Center will be fully operational, serving three meals a day, five days a week starting at 7 a.m.

And when that dining hall opens on Aug. 24 it will make history. For the first time in Florida history, all 500-plus student-athletes will have a three-meal-a-day meal plan, which was made possible by the school's fundraising efforts over the last several years.

Athletes from all Florida sports will also have access to an indoor recreational area with TVs, a pool table, massage chairs, a place to get their hair cut, a virtual reality room and a lounge. That space connects to the facility's outdoor amenities which include a resort-style pool and basketball court.

Florida athletic director Scott Stricklin called it the new "living room" for Florida Gators athletics.

"I think what's uniquely Florida is the swimming pool and the outdoor amenity area," Howard said. "Student-athletes can relax and hang out. You can eat here and you can have a Heisman Trophy candidate eating next to a gold-medal winner. The interaction we're going to see in this area, I think it's going to be exciting."

## **Over 120 former Gators visit new facility, practice on invite from Billy Napier**

By: Zach Abolverdi

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — More than 120 former UF players and their families surrounded the practice field Friday as the Gators went through fall training camp.

The attendees included athletes spanning decades. It served as a reunion for some old teammates, as well as an introduction to the new era of Florida football.

All had accepted a personal invitation for first-year coach Billy Napier and his staff.

“They invited us. It’s really cool,” said former tight end Trey Burton, who also back on campus in July to help them recruit. “I got the opportunity last month to come and speak in front of some recruits. A huge point of emphasis for me was like, ‘Man, listen, these guys, they want us to come back. They’re gonna want you to come back when you’re done playing here. You’re not just here for four years or five years and getting kicked out to the road and whatever happens, happens. No, they want to invest in us. They want us to come back.’ So, it’s special for all of us former guys.”

In the past, former Gators have regularly returned to UF for various events, team reunions or games. Friday’s visit was different, however, and some players even felt more welcomed.

“It’s really an honor and it’s really cool to receive that invite from a current coach. He wants to reach out to the former players,” former All-American defensive end Kevin Carter said. “We know how special this place is and how special it was, what an integral part of the fabric of who we’ve become as adults in this world. We wouldn’t be there without this program so for us to be invited back, it really means the world and it’s really a cool thing for Coach [Napier] to do that.

“Every coach that has taken over since Coach [Steve] Spurrier left hasn’t been as inviting with former players coming back and it’s really refreshing to have someone who wants to include, I think, the rich history of the Gator program, through its players that were here so long ago. So, I think it’s great.”

In addition to watching practice, Carter said the players also toured the stadium and the Heavener Football Training Center, which opened last Sunday.

He called the standalone “amazing” and added that it felt “pretty weird” seeing all the facility changes and upgrades since his playing days (1991-94).

“We got a chance to look at everything new and we got to basically see how much the program has grown over the years,” Carter said. “I was here for three SEC titles in the early 90s and I really feel honored to be part of that golden age of Florida football. And really, there wouldn’t be all of this now if we didn’t do all if what we did back then. And it’s all standing on the shoulders of all these old guys, like myself, that are out there on the sidelines watching practice, so it’s really been a wonderful experience thus far.”

Former Florida linebacker Brandon Siler admits the new \$85 million facility, which features a locker room area for ex-Gators, will bring a lot more players back to campus, as well as Napier and his staff being so approachable and welcoming.



“I think Coach Napier is doing a good job of reconnecting with all the guys from before. I think it’s a real welcoming environment for the former players. There are more of us showing up than you’ve seen in the past,” Siler said. “But coach Napier, man, he’s inviting. He’s warm with the fellow players. Guys want to come back and guys want to be around.

“I met Napier when we first hired him. My impression was like, ‘Oh shoot, man. We needed a guy with this kind of attitude. He’s got swagger.’ Nowadays with these kids, that’s what you’re going to need. You’re recruiting them, you’re coaching them, you got to be able to relate to them a little bit, so I think coach Napier is right on time.”

## **What Is the Gator Room? 'It's Going to Make the Game Easier'**

By: Zach Goodall

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Gators linebacker Derek Wingo, a few of his teammates, and over 90 Florida fans glaring through the lens of his Instagram Live walked into a room with a 28-foot wide by eight-foot high projector screen, a carpet carefully designed with hash marks to replicate just over 10 yards of a football field, and seats perfectly aligned across seven rows on Sunday.

The chairs in the Gator Room are temporary, assistant athletic director of recruiting strategy Katie Turner told Wingo.

There is a greater purpose beyond meetings and press conferences, both of which will be held in the room, for the mock field setup inside of Florida's new James W. "Bill" Heavener Football Training Center.

"It's to give the best possible view to be able to walk through and simulate what they will see on the game field," Florida's director of football operations Joshua Thompson told AllGators on Sunday.

Wingo took a second to process the Gator Room's function after Turner explained it, left in awe, before letting out "oh, that's cool" twice and a "that's crazy" while his live stream viewers crept upward. His next thought, which he exclaimed to his teammates, was about preparing for Florida's season-opener against the Utah Utes on Sept. 3.

"They did this thing the right way. You're talking about every bell and whistle," head coach Billy Napier said on Monday, broadly speaking about the new facility. "I think there's some huge advantages here relative to the technology that's in the building from a teaching standpoint."

The Gator Room is one of those advantages, and it isn't a common one.

"The way that we're doing it is unique," Thompson said. "A lot of programs have projectors and we decided, because of the multi-purpose that the Gator Room has, that wanted to be able to do different things with it. Like, coach press conferences will be in there. We'll also be able to host really nice meals in there. That screen does not turn off, it's on at all times. We did our research and I feel like we did it right."

If any Florida players want to interactively study film after, say, a few rounds of billiards and their nightly dinner, they can head to the Gator Room, pull up footage of their next opponent and mimic their alignment as it would look on the field. Part of Napier's approach as head coach is to ensure the team has good sleeping habits, but theoretically, a player could do this for all hours of the night.

Thompson believes that the Gators' defense will frequent the room more so than the offense, which would make sense, as offenses line up a certain way depending on their play-call whereas defenses adjust their look based on what the offense gives them.

Wingo and safety Trey Dean III are among the players that have vocalized their appreciation for the concept.

"You walk in the room and simulate the game as another plus on your opponent, because we know the more times you get the more game reps in your head, it's going to make the game easier," Dean said on Monday. "Practice makes perfect. Preparation prevents poor performance."

However, its use will certainly extend beyond film study, so the chairs will be kept nearby. Former University of Tennessee cornerback and motivational speaker Inky Johnson helped break the room in on Tuesday when Florida hosted him for a team speaking event.

Senior director of student-athlete development/alumni relations Vernell Brown Jr. believes features like the Gator Room helped Florida set a new standard when it comes to state-of-the-art football facilities — one that other programs will surely attempt to surpass.

"[There are] definitely some unique things within the facility, the Gator Room being one of them," Brown said. "I definitely think we've set a new standard. You know the reality of facilities, though, as soon as you have one for a year, you're behind because somebody else is already building or trying to build based on what you have."

"So, I think we've made a lot of improvement and surpassed everybody, but the thing that's different between a lot of schools and the University of Florida is the winning tradition and everything that comes along with being here."

Napier has made note that one of the biggest perks of the new facility is its location, eliminating the 36-minute round trip walk between the stadium, which included the team's only locker room and the coaches' offices prior to the opening of the Heavener Center, and the practice fields.

The 63 hours of walking shaved from the Gators' yearly schedule, as calculated by Matt Baker of the Tampa Bay Times, can now be used in the Gator Room as an extension of practice, among the many other things to do in the new facility.

"I think," Napier pondered, "we've given ourselves a few more resources relative to the development of the player."

## **Florida football team moves into \$85 million Heavener Football Training Center**

By: Kevin Brockway  
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For Florida football players, Sunday marked a move-in day of sorts.

The Gators entered the 142,000-square foot, \$85 million Heavener Football Training Center, a facility the school hopes will be a game-changer for both recruiting and efficiency. The team is to begin day-to-day football operations at Heavener.

Amenities inside the building include a dining hall, lounge area, barber shop, virtual reality room, gaming and golf center, as well as resort-style pool area (65,000 gallons) with basketball courts and multipurpose lawn and volleyball areas.

UF players anxious to see new digs

“It’s just going to light a fire,” senior linebacker Ventrell Miller said. “I feel like anytime you get something new you’re always happy to check it out and see what it’s about. That should be pretty good.

“They’ve been telling me that it’s going to be here since I’m a freshman. That was like six years ago. I’m glad to be able to have it and be a part of it this year.”

For football purposes, the center will feature 13,000 square feet of weight and training facilities, which overlook and are connected to the Condron Family Indoor Practice Facility.'

“It’s something that I’ve seen since I’ve been a recruit in high school and I know all the other guys I’ve played with, we can’t wait,” offensive lineman Michael Tarquin said. “I think it’s going to be a game-changer. There’s a lot of great things that are going to be in that facility and they are going to help us a lot to perform at a high level.”

The facility is for the most part operational, though scattered construction for certain areas will remain a work in progress throughout the month. The center is not yet open to the public or the media.

It will eventually open for student-athletes of all other UF sports closer to the first day of classes for the fall semester.

“It took support and dedication from a lot of individuals to make it a reality,” UF athletic director Scott Stricklin said. “It’s a tangible demonstration that we are committed to investing in our student-athletes and enhancing their experience at UF. Without our Boosters this project wouldn’t have been possible, and we’re grateful for the way they’ve helped this vision come to life.”



# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

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## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

"There has been a lot of progress, but it's not easy to quantify and therefore easier to dismiss. But certain intangibles are the basis of every successful program. It's stuff like attitude and discipline and buying in. The go-to word is "culture." Installing a new one was Job One this year for Napier."

**David Whitley, Gainesville Sun, 11/26/22**

"We're one-third of the way there, not counting whatever bowl game UF gets. For all the legit half-full criticisms, there's no question the culture has come around. That's why Napier pounded the table Friday night. He knows the foundation has been laid. It takes a while for that to translate into tangible success, but that half-full glass will eventually start to fill."

**David Whitley, Gainesville Sun, 11/26/22**

"All in all, the defensive resurgence the Gators have had is an encouraging breakthrough for the future of the unit beyond this season. Showing the signs of an elite defense that many fans wanted to develop rapidly in the early stages of the program rebuild down the stretch of the season, Florida's stout, opportunistic style of play has them firing at a higher rate than the unit has since 2019. While it is unlikely that Florida continues to pitch shutouts in the modern era of offensive firepower, the newfound success on defense strengthens the Gators' overall attack to unforeseen heights thus far in Napier's tenure."

**Brandon Carroll, SI All Gators, 11/16/22**

"The football is improving because the people are improving. There's a brotherhood in that room, there's a connection in that room and they're starting to play the game with a right intent."

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 11/13/22**

"The senior day rout was the culmination of a fantastic eight-day stretch where championship expectations started to look closer. Where Napier's people-first philosophy paid off in UF's biggest SEC (against a non-Vanderbilt team) win in six years. Where the complementary game plan meshed at a high level. Where Florida began to look like Florida again."

**Matt Baker, Tampa Bay Times, 11/13/22**

"Winning back-to-back SEC games for the first time in two years isn't cause for celebration at Florida. Neither is clinching bowl eligibility with the win. Expectations are much higher. But every turnaround has to start somewhere."

**Matt Baker, Tampa Bay Times, 11/12/22**

"Make no mistake about it, getting to a bowl game is VERY important for this program. It gives you 15 additional practices to continue laying the foundation. This very well may be year zero for Napier and the program, if we're being completely honest. The staff inherited a team that had lost its way due to lazy leadership. They have had discipline, hard work and accountability — to themselves, the university and, most importantly, their teammates — drilled into them this season."

**Nick de la Torre, Gators Online, 11/12/22**

"Call Billy Napier the Fireman, as he and his staff have successfully put out a lot of the fires. There are more to go, but it's remarkable how many issues they've successfully addressed."

**David Wunderlich, Gator Country, 11/9/22**

"Billy Napier took over a team that had lacked discipline and structure. It was one of the first things he knew he needed to instill in the Florida Gators program. The change started with little things like players dressing the same at workouts. It was the foundation for a culture change Napier wanted to create. Matching socks might sound trivial but it's not about the socks. It's about accountability and attention to detail. Year one is about laying a foundation for the future."

**Nick de la Torre, Gators Online, 11/8/22**

"This team last year would've quit and given up in some of these games the Gators have battled through this year. The culture is evolving here at Florida and that's vital."

**Gentry Hawk, Gator Country, 11/6/22**

"For Billy Napier, the improvement that Florida has shown has been in the intangibles and the culture of the program. Obviously, the on-field results aren't where fans expect them to be. However, as the roster turns over, learns Napier's system, and develops that should correct itself in concert with the improving culture."

**Daniel Morrison, On3, 11/2/22**

"Napier strives to make walk-ons less anonymous. He recognizes top scout team performers for "job-taker" awards and has tabbed a few to carry an American flag while leading the team out of the tunnel on game days."

**G. Allan Taylor, The Athletic, 10/26/22**

"I think he's doing a great job. I think the University of Florida is doing a really good job of getting them the first-class facilities. They have that new football facility that I just saw, and I think now it's a big thing with NIL, kids seeing they have every option to go to any school, they're putting a lot of money into their football facilities. So, I think that's going to help us out a whole lot just in recruiting and bringing kids in. And then, it was just the atmosphere. It was amazing. It's still The Swamp. There were 88,000 people in the stadium. I think they're on the right direction."

**Joe Haden, Former Gator and NFL DB, 10/18/22**

"When I was there, I thought we had the sickest facilities. And now, we got the back-up facilities that are still there, but they have the whole other, \$90 million facility that they did. Unbelievable. I'm so happy for my school... I hope it just brings more championships and more winning to the Gators."

**Joe Haden, Former Gator and NFL DB, 10/18/22**

"He's at this level because he's earned it. He didn't do it because he got lucky. And he'll do great at Florida. He's a great hire for Florida. So, got a lot of respect for what he did. And again, you can see that we both have the same challenges. We're rebuilding our rosters. We run into each other in recruiting as we're trying to build up the depth on our teams. You can see that. We're out there in the recruiting world. So that's probably where we'll see each other a lot over the next few years."

**Brian Kelly, LSU Head Coach, 10/14/22**

"Coach Napier and his staff have done a good job, in my opinion, just watching the games, in how hard they play. Not a lot of busted assignments. Guys understand their job, and they're where they're supposed to be on defense."

**Jeff Scott, Former USF Head Coach, 9/15/22**

"It's an amazing experience to be able to play in The Swamp. It's a beautiful crowd. They get a little rowdy there at times."

**Jatorian Hansford, USF Defensive End, 9/14/22**

"You can definitely see a team that is playing extremely hard. They believe in what they're doing. Fundamentally, it doesn't matter if it's a backside tight end that's not involved with the play — he's doing his job like the game depends on it."

**Jeff Scott, Former USF Head Coach, 9/14/22**

"From belting the lyrics of Tom Petty's 'I Won't Back Down' to the eruption of noise that came when the Gators' defense walled up and stuffed Utah running back Tavion Thomas on fourth-and-goal in the third quarter, The Swamp felt different on Saturday — because it was different."

**Gainesville Sun Staff, 9/4/22**

"Even if the outcome would have been different. If Amari Burney doesn't get his hands on that final pass and Utah wins, my mind was changed. The Gators, with Napier and (obviously) Anthony Richardson, can compete every single Saturday."

**Nick de la Torre, On3, 9/4/22**

"I underestimated The Swamp. The place was incredible. I underestimated the Gators. There was no fear of hosting a top-10 team. There was no doubt, even when they trailed with 1:29 left on the clock."

**Nick de la Torre, On3, 9/4/22**

"Florida is coming off of a 6-7 record this past season, but it doesn't look like the Gators will be in rebuilding mode for long under Billy Napier."

**Chandler Vessels, On3, 9/4/22**

## **ABOUT HEAD COACH BILLY NAPIER**

"He does a good job. He and I don't know each other like that. But a lot of people that have worked with him that know him have respect for him for who he is, and you see that he knows what to do offensively. They do a good job schematically and what they're trying to attack. Great success at ULL in his time there. He earned the opportunity."

**Mike Norvell, Florida State Head Coach, 11/21/22**

"Impressed. My last year at Carolina was 2010 and I think he was the coordinator then if I'm not mistaken. Somebody that I've got a lot of respect for. He did a good job when he was at Clemson and then since he left Clemson the stops he's had and the success that he's had as a coach and a recruiter. I mean somebody that that we certainly had respect for when I was here as an assistant coach and then what he's done since he left Clemson is really really impressive. Did a great job at Louisiana as a head coach there and is certainly on track to doing good things in Gainesville as well."

**Shane Beamer, South Carolina Head Coach, 11/8/22**

"Coach Napier is a very good football coach and knows exactly how he is building his team each week and what they are trying to do to win. They put their quarterback in the right situation. They are very big and physical up front with their offensive line, they have a tremendously talented running back room."

**Eli Drinkwitz, Missouri Head Coach, 10/4/22**

"Coach Napier is very aggressive on fourth downs and he has been that way for a long time."

**Eli Drinkwitz, Missouri Head Coach, 10/4/22**

"It's one thing, as a coach, to have success and move your way all the way to the top. But Billy did really well at Clemson and then kind of had to restart and recreate his path. I think that says a lot about his resilience and who he is as a person. I think he is going to be very successful at Florida."

**Jeff Scott, Former USF Head Coach, 9/17/22**

"If you gave him a job to do, you knew he was going to do it and do it well. When you've been in the game long enough, every time a young coach comes in, you can tell right off the bat which ones have it and which ones don't."

**Brad Scott, Former Clemson Offensive Coordinator/0-Line Coach, 9/15/22**

"Billy's a very fundamental coach. He believes in fundamentals and techniques and playing hard. Then offensively, you definitely can see his stamp and the things that he likes to do and move guys around. I think that shows up a lot."

**Jeff Scott, Former USF Head Coach, 9/13/22**

"He's very smart, he's not going to beat himself. He's not going to take risks that are not necessary. He's a very good play caller and keeps you off balance."

**Mark Stoops, Kentucky Head Coach, 9/7/22**

"I got to know him a bit at the last meetings where we had a couple days and just seems like a really good guy, good coach. And obviously history, he's had a lot of success and done a lot of good things. So you could tell he's a heck of a coach."

**Mark Stoops, Kentucky Head Coach, 9/5/22**

"This is my first game since then, so this was a really cool experience and a huge win for [Billy] Napier and the beginning of his era. I'm sure the fans are going to love it and I know he's got the whole University of Florida behind him. He's going to do some great things. This is a good start."

**Kyle Trask, Former UF and current Tampa Bay Buccaneers QB (on UF win over No. 7 Utah)**



“He’s a really authentic, genuine individual who is incredibly organized, has a great work ethic and is really good at evaluating people and putting people in a position to be successful. Whether it’s his players, whether it’s his staff; he’s just really good at developing authentic relationships. He’s also really good at basically all the things that a modern-day CEO would need to be good at — setting goals, putting resources behind those goals, holding people, including himself, accountable to achieving those goals. Everything about how he is running the program, how the players respond to his leadership, just the kind of person he is, I don’t think the University of Florida could have a better person in this really important leadership position than Billy Napier.”

**Scott Stricklin, Florida AD, 9/4/22**

“Outstanding young coach. Lot of energy. They beat us [in 2017] pretty handily. They took it to us. Schematically on offense, he’s very innovative. He does a good job with that. Very tough to defend.”

**Kyle Whittingham, Utah Head Coach, 8/31/22**

“He’s got the Alabama football structure with the Clemson culture.”

**Alex Scarborough, ESPN, 8/10/22**

“He’s been everything I thought he’d be. He’s a stand-up guy, and I call him a superstar. The guy doesn’t miss a beat. He sees everything.”

**Sean Spencer, Florida Co-Defensive Coordinator, 3/29/22**

“The great thing about his plan is, to him, it’s all about the people. It’s about making the players better. Identifying the right players, evaluating the right players, having the right staff, evaluating the right staff, putting the structure and support around all those people to make them as successful as possible. That’s something that is easy to get behind and something that I was excited about when he explained it to me.”

**Scott Stricklin, Florida AD, 3/14/22**

“He’ll study anyone who’s successful and try to apply that to his job. But the foundation of his success — what has made Billy Napier Billy Napier — is not going to change.”

**David Whitley, Gainesville Sun, 2/6/22**

## ABOUT UF COACHES

### PATRICK TONEY (CO-DC / SAFETIES)

“Patrick I’ve been around a number of years and absolutely one of the best coaches I’ve ever been on staff with, and I’ve been around some of the elite coaches. He had a lot to do with our defensive turnaround at our previous stop.”

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 10/20/22**

“P.T., every time I see him, he’s thinking of new plays to come up with. Every time I see him in the hallway, he wants to pull me to the side, talk to me about what I see on the field. He’s just trying to see, from our view, what he can do better as a coach. His mind is always running. ... He’s always putting new plays together to try and make us the best defense in the country.”

**Amari Burney, Linebacker, 8/29/22**

“I’ve been around a lot of coaches, right? I mean, I’ve worked in some of the best programs in the entire country. I’ve worked in some of the best programs in the entire country. I’ve worked with not only with some of the best head coaches but — it gets overlooked — (also) some of the best assistant coaches you get a chance to be around. And this guy ... he knows what he’s doing.”

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 5/25/22**

### ROB SALE (OC / OFFENSIVE LINE)

“He’s a stand-up guy. I call him a superstar. The guy doesn’t miss a beat. I mean not a beat. He sees everything. He knows the big picture. He’s a good guy for me to be around and to be mentored by.”

**Sean Spencer, Florida Co-Defensive coordinator, 5/26/22**

“They’ve [Coach Stapleton and Coach Sale] been very helpful to me on and off the field. If I need extra work I can hit up those guys for anything. Those guys have been very helpful.”

**Richard Gouraige, Offensive Line, 4/7/22**

### SEAN SPENCER (CO-DC / DEFENSIVE LINE)

“He’s a great technique coach. That’s kind of what I was missing. I was playing a lot of just physical football and dominating the game just based off me and my physical ability. Coach Chaos came in and he’s — the same way coach Napier is doing — breaking the small things down and teaching me the small techniques that I may not [have] known was a problem but is a problem.”

**Gervon Dexter Sr., Defensive Line, 5/30/22**

“When it comes to Spencer’s ability as a recruiter, the results speak for themselves. The list of starred recruits he has been credited with signing is as long as my arm and includes current NFL players Micah Parsons, Odele Oweh, Yetur Gross-Matos, and Saquan Barkley, as well as six other eventual draftees.”

**Jay Markle, GatorsWire, 2/28/22**

### COREY RAYMOND (ASSISTANT HC - DEFENSE / CORNERBACKS)

“Florida hired a good coach, an electric recruiter and took him away from a school that’s capable of at winning the same level. It was a massive hire.”

**Steve Wiltfong, 247Sports, 5/29/22**

“I know the players respect him because he’s very good at what he does. He has a pedigree. He has a track record. The more you get to know Corey the more you get to know he cares about people. He does a good job communicating with his guys, and he’s a fantastic teacher.”

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 5/23/22**

“He’s like a Yoda of DB play. He talks with so much confidence, and he’s got so much experience. He’s played in the NFL and brings so much maturity to our staff.”

**Sean Spencer, Florida Co-Defensive Coordinator, 3/29/22**

“Raymond has signed eight five-star recruits including players on both sides of the ball. He’s recruited 12 eventual NFL players, a number that will go up by at least one when the 2022 draft takes place and Derek Stingley is selected. The number of future NFL players he’s coached is even higher, reaching a total of 18 so far. Those results are simply incredible.”

**Jay Markle, GatorsWire, 2/28/22**

**JABBAR JULUKE (ASSOCIATE HC - OFFENSE / RUNNING BACKS)**

“The dependability aspect, said the first-year UF head coach, is a credit to the team’s position coach, Jabbar Juluke, who has instilled a consistent work ethic when it comes to the team’s current practice setup. Whether it’s in pass protection drills, catching in the open field or running between the tackles, Juluke has had the unit ready to work on whatever comes next on the practice schedule throughout preseason camp.”

**Graham Hall, Swamp247, 8/22/22**

“Coach Luke is doing what he does, right? He gets that room ready to play, so those guys have been productive on a consistent basis. Running back sometimes gets overlooked in all that they do for the team: protection, catching the ball and certainly rushing the ball.”

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 8/21/22**

“We’re fortunate in that I think we have one of the best running back coaches in the entire country in Jabbar Juluke. His room has consistently produced and I see this room getting better. So I’m hopeful that that room can play winning football; we’re a long way from it. But in general I see him getting better.”

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 5/29/22**

**JAY BATEMAN (ASSISTANT COACH / INSIDE LINEBACKERS)**

“It just meant a lot. For coach Napier and [co-defensive coordinator Patrick Toney] and (linebackers) coach (Jay) Bateman to come in here and just trust me with that opportunity to be on the field in that clutch moment.”

**Amari Burney, Linebacker, 9/3/22**

“I just want to say, ‘coach Bateman is not only my coach, but he is my life coach off the field.’”

**Amari Burney, Linebacker, 8/30/22**

“We coach off the reps in the film room so he wants you to get a good rep and a technically-sound rep on film. If he sees something small, he’ll bring you back up and have you do it again. That’s one of the small things that coach Bateman brings. He wants you to be perfect in your technique.”

**Ventrell Miller, Linebacker, 8/17/22**

**KEARY COLBERT (ASSISTANT COACH / WIDE RECEIVERS)**

“Being coached by a guy that’s really played it and gone to the levels that you want to go to and more, it’s a blessing, for sure. Learning and taking as much notes as possible in the meeting rooms, and even on field like he says, he says, ‘I make suggestions, you guys make decisions’ and it’s like, ‘dang, so much knowledge is being put on me and like I have real opportunity like get better from a dude that literally done it and has literally coached people that got drafted first round. I love Coach KC. Just real inspiration every day. I don’t know what more to say. I just love being coached by the guy it’s great. He’s a genuine dude, even outside of football. He’s just a great human being.”

**Thai Chiaokhiao-Bowman, Wide Receiver, 10/2/22**

“He’s a great, great, great dude. I was very, very happy when we had got him, because looking at his history he has coached a lot of like bigger wide receivers. So just meeting with him for the first time I was like, ‘Hey, I want you to coach me and I’m going to be this huge sponge that soaks in everything.’”

**Justin Shorter, Wide Receiver, 5/27/22**

“He’s a great guy. He cares about every single player and he just coaches well. I feel like I’ve learned so much from him already, you know, and we’re only two weeks into spring ball.”

**Justin Shorter, Wide Receiver, 5/27/22**

**WILLIAM PEAGLER (ASSISTANT COACH / TIGHT ENDS)**

“One of the most underrated aspects of a head coach is the ability to hire —and keep — good assistants. That’s one of reasons why I think UF made a shrewd hire in Billy Napier. Adding Michigan State assistant William Peagler, a really bright young coach, made the Gators better.”

**Bruce Feldman, The Athletic, 12/24/21**

**MIKE PETERSON (ASSISTANT COACH / OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS)**

“Coach Peterson, he was telling me that basically, he was just like get ready to play because he said he knew I was ready. But it was just a matter of time when I was going to go.”

**Antwaun Powell-Ryland Jr., Linebacker, 11/7/22**

“Peterson is a charismatic recruiter with an electric passion for Florida football. It’s easy to see why recruits connect so well with his infectious energy.”

**Jay Markle, GatorsWire, 2/28/22**

“Mike is a fantastic coach. Everyone of his profession knows and respects Mike for his ability to get his players to play well and the relationships he has with his players. Certainly his pedigree as a former great not only at the University but in the National Football League. He’s a great teammate and he’s invaluable because his knowledge of this place and the things that come with the University of Florida. We’re excited about Mike and leadership and how it will impact the team.”

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 2/19/22**

**DARNELL STAPLETON (ASSISTANT COACH / OFFENSIVE LINE)**

“Coach Sale and Coach Stape have turned me into a new player. I’ve been a totally different player from high school to now. In high school I was kind of like a big guy, just taking people down. It was easy. But when I came here it was a reality moment, that I actually had to get better with my technique and fundamentals.”

**Austin Barber, Offensive Line, 10/5/22**





"We've got a saying in the O-line room, five equals one. Our coaches preach to us, coach Sale and Coach Stapleton, you know, if six equals one, six are going to play. If seven equals one, seven are going to play."

**Richie Leonard IV, Offensive Line, 10/2/22**

"They've [Coach Stapleton and Coach Sale] been very helpful to me on and off the field. If I need extra work I can hit up those guys for anything. Those guys have been very helpful."

**Richard Gouraige, Offensive Line, 4/7/22**

**MARK HOCKE (ASSOCIATE HC /  
DIRECTOR OF FB STRENGTH &  
CONDITIONING)**

"We work a lot on flexibility, speed and mobility more so than just power because what's power if can't use your body, right? We focus a lot on the small stuff this offseason; things that would get hurt if you don't work hard enough on it."

**O'Cyrus Torrence, Offensive Line, 8/15/22**

"He's focused on your body a little more. Hocke wants us to be a faster team. You can't really teach speed, but you can get guy's body right so they can move a little faster. And that's pretty much the focus."

**Anthony Richardson, Quarterback, 8/15/22**

"The weightlifting program is very different. There is more explosion, more speed, more endurance. Last year we were more heavy but more sluggish a little bit. It's a very different philosophy that they believe in but it worked for their program, so why can't it work for us?"

**Richard Gouraige, Offensive Line, 8/15/22**

"I'm most pleased with perception of the players. They've completely bought in and we have had very little resistance. Mark fits into that category. He's just a very genuine guy that cares for the players. They sense that."

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 8/15/22**

"There's a reason why we gave him the associate head coach title. To me, strength and conditioning is a huge component. It's very technical relative to the training and the loading and the programming, but even more important is the leadership aspect of his role. I think you are always looking for people that have complementary gifts, where you have to have a shared vision, and I think that's one of the things I really appreciate about Mark. We're like-minded, but we're completely different personalities. He has an incredible ability to communicate. He's authentic. You knew pretty early on when you meet the guy, 'hey, this guy is a little different guy, a special guy.' So, very fortunate to get him to join us at Louisiana. He was certainly at the core of what we were able to build there."

**Billy Napier, Florida Head Coach, 3/9/22**



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